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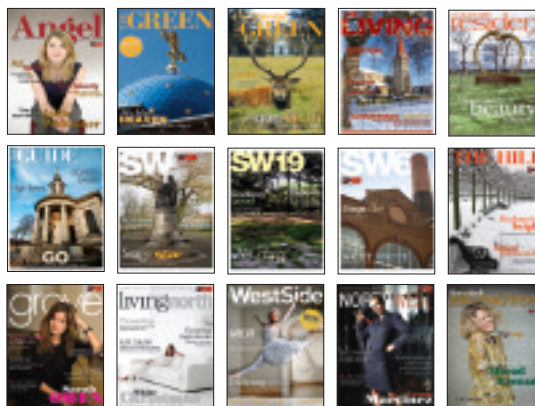
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## Editor's Letter



What is the New Year about? For me it's less about dieting, detoxing and all those others faddish things we feel compelled to do after a festive period of excess. Personally, it's about hope. Hope that another unit of 52 weeks, 365 days will bring all those dreams to fruition, health and happiness to the people I love and that things will be, well, better. It's just a flip of a calendar but 1 January always feels so momentous.

We are lucky enough to be carrying an interview with Quentin Blake this month.

Nancy Alsop met one of her lifelong heroes and wasn't the least bit disappointed. What struck me about her brilliant interview is that she writes of how impressed she was by Blake's humanity. Because his fabulous illustrations are so imbued with this quality but they also have another strong feel, and that is of hope. His innocent, yet cheeky, it-looks-so-easy-but-isn't style are so full of that hopeful childlike quality which is what makes them appeal to all of us young and old. Blake really is a national treasure and it's great that he is still so passionate and so prolific.

Another illustrator is making waves in *The Resident*. We carried a full-page image of Jonathan Addis' painted map of Chelsea last month and we have been inundated, and I mean inundated with people wanting a copy. Sadly a printing error meant our list of stockists went AWOL but we have a picture of Addis' map of London on page 19 this month, plus a clear list of stockists. Your reaction has been brilliant and it's little things like this that make the job worthwhile. Addis has no idea how good he is or how great his paintings are and being able to stumble upon such a talent and be able to give it the oxygen of publicity is really cheering. It's nice when the good guys come first. It means we can all live in hope.

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You see, we're talking books. Our client is a collector. Books are the love of his life – volumes of poetry, rare first editions, even an early copy of Das Kapital.

He commissioned us to create his new home. Key to this was the library. And key to the library was the shape.

It's oval-shaped.

This was where the real challenge lay. Clearly, curved walls and rectangular books are not the best of friends.

So, to ensure every single book would fit perfectly, we measured every single book.

Herr Marx's seminal work was gauged for height, width and depth. As, indeed, were a tiny tome of Victorian verse and a huge, first edition of Italian Renaissance poetry.

We also found a rogue Jeffrey Archer. (Is there any other type, we wondered?) He too was measured up.

Next, was the design and build.

The aesthetic of the library was to wholly reflect the world of Henry Higgins and Pygmalion.

To this end, we implemented cases and cabinets (finished in Swiss pear, maple and leather) that flowed with the curves of the room. They were, of course, able to accommodate every book.

The client then decided that the library would also double as his office.

The ambience and furniture, therefore, had to be conducive both to work and pleasure.

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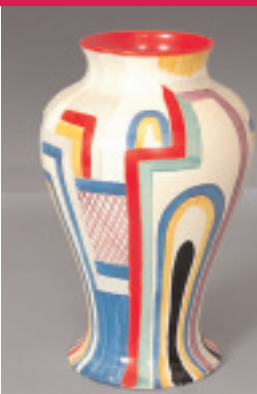


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The charity has been hit hard by the recession. Rachel Hampson, chair of the Chelsea friends of CHASE group, who organised the event said: "We are delighted that this event has been such a success despite the current economic climate".

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# Round up

## Off the rails

Whilst the Candy brothers fight it out in court with the Qatari royal family there is bad news for the Chelsea Barracks chapel. The garrison chapel, built in 1859, will not be given listed status, despite a vigorous local campaign and the wishes of English Heritage. In a pre-Christmas statement from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, a spokesman said the chapel did not "reach the level of interest of other listed examples", and had lost most of its historical interest "when it was stripped of its contents". This despite EH stating that, "the chapel is now an increasingly rare building type nationally" and "a monument to the area's military history. Intriguingly, the government has decided to list a "virtually intact" set of railings set on a granite plinth next to the chapel which date from a similar period. Your guess is as good as mine...

## Expensive wardrobe

A dress worn by Audrey Hepburn fetched a massive £60,000 at an auction of her clothes in Pall Mall. Hepburn wore the Chantilly lace cocktail gown by Givenchy (pictured) in the film *How To Steal a Million* in 1966. It was one of more than 40 items from Hepburn's wardrobe that sold for £268,320 – more than double the pre-sale estimate of £100,000 in an auction at Kerry Taylor Auctions at La Galleria in SW1.

The collection was sold by Hepburn's lifelong friend Tanja Star-Busmann and 50 per cent of the net sale proceeds will be donated to the Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund.



## Market forces

Budding entrepreneurs are competing for the chance to run a market stall on Portobello. In a pilot council scheme more than 20 youngsters have started attending workshops in marketing, environmental health and finance to equip them with the necessary skills. They will then pitch their ideas in groups of a panel of 'dragons' who will give the two winning groups a £1,000 start-up fund. Portobello Market has launched many successful careers; Peter Simon of Monsoon started out selling coats there in 1972. His chain is now nationwide and he's a multi-millionaire.



## Lords-a-leaping

A campaign to save a Sloane Square newspaper vendor facing closure has the backing of more than 30 members of the House of Lords and the England football manager. "Yeah, I've got loads of lords on my side," said Mark O'Brien, 50, who has been selling newspapers from his pitch – owned by Transport for London – outside Sloane Square Tube for nearly 30 years. Kensington and Chelsea council says he faces prosecution under a little-known by-law which bans him from trading with customers who are standing on the adjacent council-owned land. "I thought it was one of them trick letters," said O'Brien of the notice for prosecution. His plight has already caused uproar locally. Lord Spencer-Churchill, Lord Vivian and Lord Delaware are among those supporting O'Brien, with Lord Spencer-Churchill calling it "a travesty of justice... Life would be a lot duller if [O'Brien] weren't about. These kind of people are the great characters that make up what Kensington and Chelsea is about." Many are questioning the coincidence of a new state-of-the-art council-owned kiosk on the other side of Holbein Place with the decision to prosecute O'Brien.

But when The Resident spoke to O'Brien just before Christmas, he was upbeat having just brought Malcolm Rifkind MP, on board his campaign. He has also done a deal with the Evening Standard and from 4 January he will be distributing the Standard to the news-starved folk of SW3. We'll let you know how he's getting on next month.





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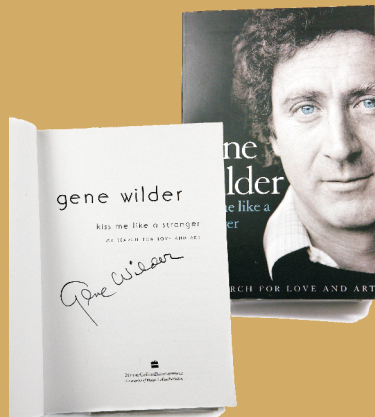
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# Diary

by Lydia Williams



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**Raffaella Barker... hibernates for January**

**I**t is sometimes hard in January to look outward, see the horizon and want to walk towards it with joy in our steps. It's a long cold month with the tax man lurking at the end of it. Almost everything in the outdoor natural world is fast asleep, while everyone in the man-made world has a hangover and is in a bad mood.

I know January is popular for starting diets and joining gyms and generally donning the hair shirt to make up for what we see as our excessive behaviour over Christmas, but I have a different approach learned in Norfolk, where the iron grey of the January day can get into your soul if you are not careful and curdle all your hopes and dreams.

I think it is best to leave January outside to do its dreary worst and follow the natural world with a season of hibernation. After all, Christmas is exhausting, no matter how joyfully we spent it, and our minds and bodies need a break afterwards.

**The iron grey of the January day can get into your soul if you are not careful**

Getting into bed, during the day if possible but otherwise very early, is the first step towards hibernation, and snuggling up with a book. It is difficult to do in London, where the frenetic movement of the city is at odds with finding inner stillness, so the potential hibernator needs help and a journey of the imagination to somewhere more serene. The Persephone Press, with a shop on Kensington Church Street offers exactly what is needed.

Beautifully presented books, both novels and non-fiction are as good inside as they are to look at, coming as they do with end papers decorated with fabric and wallpaper designs from the early 20th century.

My 12-year-old daughter and I like to carry the hibernation further and make our own beauty products from what we have in the fridge and food cupboard without venturing out. I am told that a ripe avocado, mashed and squished onto the face is a radiance maker, but I have never tried it myself. I have however tried an egg white and plain yoghurt mask which is soothing and moisturising, and another which it is hard not to eat, made of oats, yoghurt and natural honey. Esme and I are entirely happy with our faces covered in lumpy gunk, cucumber pads pressed into our eyes, listening to *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith.

I would be less happy with a mask made of cat litter, but I am told that as long as we use the type marked 100 per cent natural clay, and add a few drops of baby oil and some water and leave it on for 15 minutes, the results will be a glowing and purified skin. The list is endless, with bananas good for dry skin, tumeric mixed with yoghurt a boost for dull skin, while green tea makes a soothing bath for sensitive skin.

Rest well and enjoy the depths of winter. ■  
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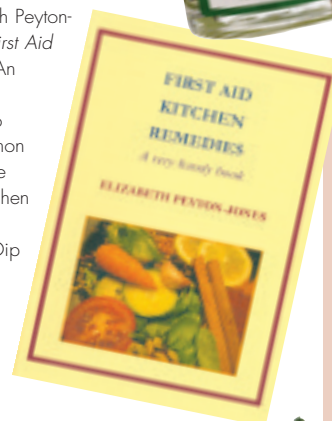


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# LIFE DRAWING

Quentin Blake's illustrations have brought joy to generations of children and adults alike with their humanity and humour. Nancy Alsop meets a national treasure

And this is the archive," says Quentin Blake, sending a nonchalant hand sailing in the direction of shelf-upon-shelf of portfolios, each representing, within uniform black sheaths, rough versions of imagined worlds and completed originals of books any child of the 1970s and beyond will recognise as seminal works. For this casual hand is responsible for brilliantly resolving how the *BFG*, *Willy Wonka* and *The Witches*, among others too numerous to mention, appeared to millions of fans across the globe. Simply, Blake is the nation's – perhaps the world's – most beloved illustrator. But phenomenal success notwithstanding, he remains charmingly unassuming; when I suggest that the enthusiasm of youthful devotees for his characters does not tend to wane as they mature, he's patently appreciative. "It's very touching. I've had two encounters recently. One was a young woman who wrote to say she'd found a letter she'd written to me when she was ten and failed to send. She's now a fellow of All Soul's college, and she still felt the same. Another was an Italian woman who wrote, saying how when she was seven, she got a copy of *The Twits*. And she said: 'Those were the drawings I wanted.' She's now a picture restorer." These two represent, I surmise, just the tip of iceberg of the hundreds he must have inspired. Blake is, once more, all modesty. "There's an advantage in that my drawings, though they're quite hard to do, don't look as though they are hard to do." But, I suggest, the true master of any art makes even the near impossible appear easy. "That's what you hope," he replies, erupting into the laughter.

Blake is possessed of an intrinsic gentleness, which perhaps explains his preference for delineating invented worlds over the satiric. He's been an illustrator for 60-odd years – but it might all have been so different. Although the young Blake had cartoons published in *Punch* from the precocious age of 16, he feared that going to art school would preclude university – and so off he went, up to Cambridge to read English, where FR Leavis, that trailblazer of contemporary literary criticism, was his tutor. It was only afterwards he decided it was time he got an education in his first love. "I knew I didn't draw well enough, so I went to Chelsea Art School where Brian Robb taught. I did two year's life drawing, which I've been living off ever since really. I partly went because I knew Brian was there – he was a painter and illustrator and he'd been a cartoonist – all the things I was interested in." It was a smart move; when Robb moved to the RCA, he invited Blake to teach part time, which he did – for 20 ensuing years.

Sitting in his South Kensington flat, drinking tea from a mug emblazoned with one of his instantly recognisable characters, Blake tells me about his plans to bequeath the archive. It's part of a much grander scheme to open The House of Illustration, a museum for illustrative work set to open in 2012, which he's become an ambassador for. The brainchild of Emma Chichester Clark, it will be housed in old Victorian offices bang in the centre of the new King's Cross cultural redevelopment, pending raising the necessary £6m to buy the building. It is, I suggest, curious that there's never been a headquarters for illustrative art before now. "On the plus side it's because it's very ill-defined," he says ruminatively. "That's something I quite like, because it's reportage, it's book illustration, it's editorial, it's fashion drawing. People don't quite know where to place it. The other thing is, there's a certain mystique about fine art, which people who do fine art like... even if they're very down-to-earth." The museum will have a strong educational function; Blake suggests as one example, that whilst the war poets are widely celebrated, its illustrators are little-known. "There was tons of drawing for the front line newspapers – a lot of them really started off those post Toulouse Lautrec artists." The House of Illustration has an impressive cast of supporters, including that most brilliantly persuasive campaigner, Joanna Lumley.

But don't be fooled into thinking that Blake's munificent donation heralds his winding down; at 76, he's prolific as ever. As he shows me round his studio – "rather messy, despite my efforts" – where he draws quickly, decisively and standing up, he tells me about his latest – and seemingly unlikely – collaboration with David Walliams. The duo has produced two books, *The Boy in the Dress* and most recently, *Mr Stink*. Walliams has spoken of how Blake was at the top of his illustrators wish-list, but how he'd assumed that the ex-Children's Laureate would never agree. "From Little Britain, you couldn't quite guess what sort of book it [*The boy in the dress*] would be," says Blake, "and it was a wonderful surprise... It's got that element of cross-dressing he [Walliams] likes so much, but it's sensitively written. I was convinced immediately."

*Mr Stink* tells the story of a 12-year-old girl's friendship with a tramp. I wonder, considering some of the characters he drew for Roald Dahl – Willy Wonka a prime example – whether he especially enjoys depicting lives lived on the peripheries of society? "Well, yes! Sometimes with Roald, I'd think, 'Oh god, what's he going to write next?!' But imagining

**"Roald Dahl never gave his characters much of an inner life, you could tell from what they did. For an illustrator, that's wonderful. It's theatre."**

those people is good, because with Roald and with David, they like an element of exaggeration. Roald never told you much about what people were thinking, or gave them much of an inner life, you could tell from what they did. For an illustrator, that's wonderful. It's theatre." Blake has spoken before about how, though initially nervous of the famously overbearing Dahl, they became fond of one another; Dahl was the only person ever to call him 'Quent' and used to rib his illustrator for perennially wearing white plimsolls (and yes, he is wearing them today). I wonder what his working relationship with Walliams is like? "Fun, but we didn't have much of it – there was a breakfast with the publisher and then he went to LA, so we sent drawings for him to comment on. But if you're on the same wavelength, it's surprising how little talking you need do."

Though Blake famously illustrates children's books, he doesn't consider himself solely a children's illustrator. As if to underline his cross-generational appeal, Blake is now in his fourth year of working for The Nightingale Project, an initiative to produce artwork for hospitals; the first was for an elderly people's ward at Chelsea and Westminster hospital. It's burgeoned exponentially; Blake has produced prints for hospitals from London to Scarborough to France, from elderly to kids' to maternity wards. "Chelsea and Westminster did some research and decided people get better quicker when they have something interesting to look at... What's interesting to me is that it's illustration for hospitals, so it addresses the situation. There's every reason to have pictures in hospitals, you can buy paintings and they're calming and inspiring, but there's also something to be said for addressing the situation of those who are there." Stephen Barnham, the Nightingale's curator said that Blake was the obvious choice because his drawings are so full of humanity. I ask whether he agrees? Characteristically, he laughs. "You tell me! I hope so."

Well reader, I will tell him; every line, every dash of colour, every facial expression Quentin Blake depicts is spilling over with humanity. Which is exactly why he truly is that oft over-used term: a national institution. ■

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## Style File

**Annoushka**

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**What:** The new flagship boutique has a gallery concept with Ducas' collection and collaborations with jewellers she mentors displayed alongside exhibitions of new artists, whose work is linked to jewellery.

**Signature style:** Ducas encourages women to develop their own parure. Traditionally a set of fine jewellery, Ducas's modern interpretation is of jewellery designed to be worn together in different ways and added to over time.

**Object of desire:** The Mythology collection, inspired by Russian fairytales recounted by her mother, is a great introduction to fine jewellery whilst the Drusy collection is strictly for grown-ups.

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**Who to know:** Annoushka Ducas, whose desk sits at the back of the new store.

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# THE LIST

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It should come as no surprise that outfits that looked fantastic in the forties still do look just as fantastic. The one wonderful and liberating difference when shopping for vintage is that there are no rules! A fifties cardigan could go just as well with a twenties skirt as with a modern pair of jeans. The only requirement is that it looks and feels good - the fact that you will almost certainly never see anyone else wearing the same thing is of course a major added bonus. And everyone's at it - from Kylie to Kate Moss. But it's not

**Times are hard,  
even antiques  
dealers need to eat**

just supermodels and celebrities that have gone vintage mad: designers, artists, students and every free thinking fashionista with an ounce of individuality is forsaking new for old. So much so that in a desperate attempt to capitalise on the trend most of the High Street chains are starting to produce their own range of vintage inspired clothing - overlooking the fact that all their 'vintage' is mass produced and therefore the same!

Britain's foremost vintage fashion event is Frock Me! vintage fashion fair which is held six times a year at the Chelsea Town Hall. Not only have Kylie, Yoko Ono, Annie Lennox, Paul Smith, Sophie Dahl and Anna Friel been spotted rummaging through the rails looking for vintage bargains, but many of the buyers for High Street chains slip in to get inspiration for next season's catwalk creations. Students quickly cottoned on to the fact that they could easily buy the original items quite often for less than the modern copies that followed and what started as a local little fair has now become a national movement with Frock Me! vintage events in Brighton and spin off vintage events popping up all over the country.

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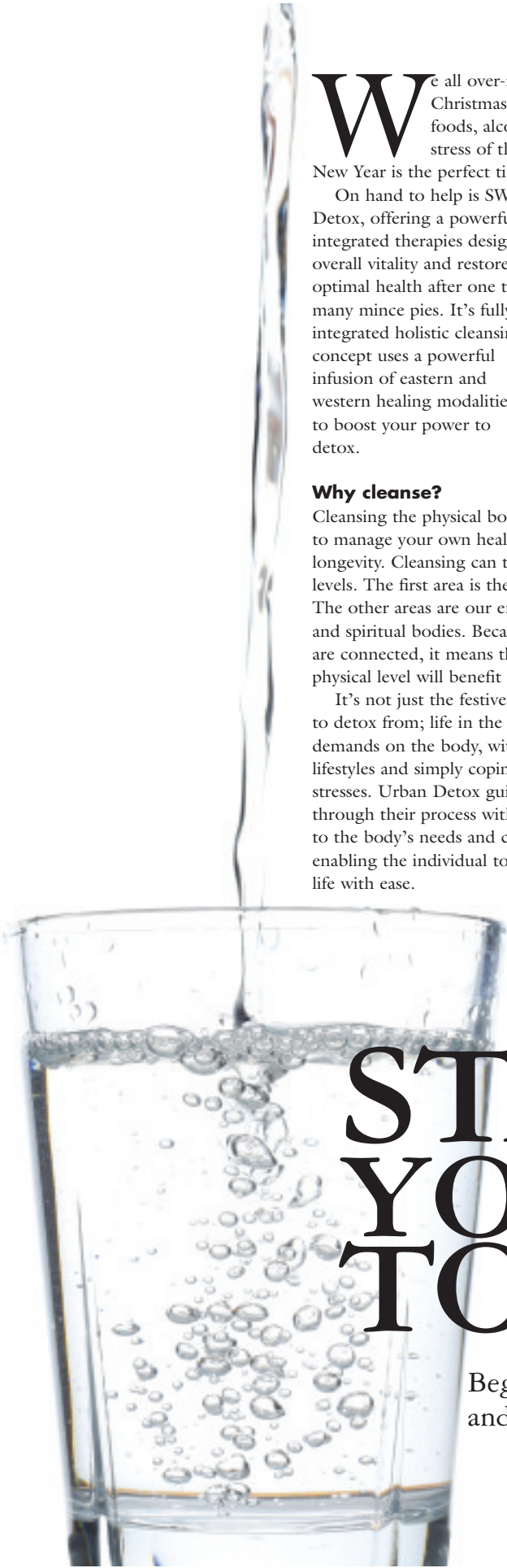
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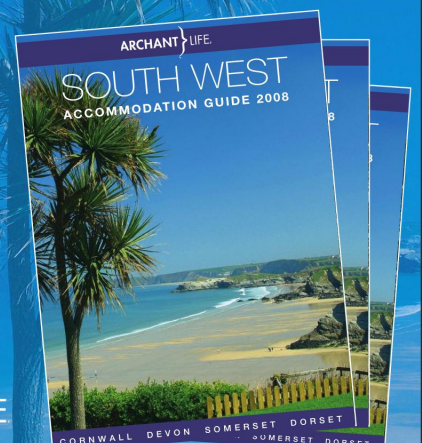
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# FAMILY AFFAIR

EF MediSpa founder **Esther Fieldgrass** talks about a busy 2009 and looks forward to opening a new venture for 2010

**W**ith many of my clients or their partners working in the City, I started the year concerned about the credit crunch. However, I knew that my clients would value our services even more. When people are cutting back on luxuries, forgoing holidays, perhaps even worried about their own jobs, then all the more reason to keep themselves fit and healthy and looking great.

Clients come to EF MediSpa because they know that we have the latest and most effective treatments. After the success we had with Smartlipo, we introduced Vaser lipo directly from the USA and became one of only two clinics in the UK to offer Vaser Hi Definition. There were two reasons why I upgraded our instant lipo facilities. Firstly because Vaser, a highly refined ultrasound technology, works on larger clients who are unsuited to laser lipo. I was one of the first in my clinic to benefit from this walk-in walk-out procedure, which took away all the flab from my back and shoulders.

The second reason is the ability for our surgeons to literally sculpt the body how you want it. My son Rudi was featured on GMTV, when they filmed the Vaser procedure at EF MediSpa with Rudi showing off his new six-pack.

By mid-year, we had identified the location for our second clinic. EF MediSpa Chelsea is scheduled to open in the new year to complement EF MediSpa Kensington. Situated opposite Heals on the Kings Road, the new clinic has an area devoted to wellbeing including colonic hydrotherapy, a detox foot bath, and a lounge for revitalising vitamin infusions and de-stressing sleep therapies. EF MediSpa Chelsea will also feature many of the same treatments as EF MediSpa

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# It's your move

Get moving for 2010 at Move Three Sixty health clinic



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Move Three Sixty is unique. They can come to you if you can't go to them as their mobile trainers and therapists are ready to travel to your doorstep if work, family or physical trauma is limiting your time or ability to travel. They pride themselves on being the best in the industry and clients include celebrities, sports personalities, athletes, directors of companies, children and the general public, all who are concerned for their own health and wellbeing. Their success rate is very high and no clients have ever been unhappy with the service they have provided.

Move Three Sixty has the highest qualified team, who are very experienced, efficient and professional and have been in the industry for many years. They can support your requests whether it is for weight loss, weight gain, digestive problems, skin problems, strength and tone, postural issues, rehabilitation, aches and pains, post operation, post natal or pre natal, tight muscles, loose muscles, clinical muscle issues, physical congenital problems, sports specific or back pain. The team work together and refer clients to other therapists within the team if need be to ensure goals are met.

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**Move Three Sixty's post festive season special only lasts until 31 January 2010!**

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# QUICKSILVER

Craftsman and Silversmith to the Queen, Simon Benney talks about his passion for running his Knightsbridge showroom and introduces his range of diffusion watches

**G**rowing up, Simon Benney was surrounded by creativity, so it's no surprise he developed the passion and skills of a craftsman. "My father taught me the silversmith trade from a young age," he told us. Developing the knowledge and expertise essential for working with precious metals, Benney honed these skills further when he attended the renowned Gemological Institute of America in Santa Monica, specialising in jewellery and gemology, where he eventually graduated at the top of his class.

Once he returned to the UK, Benney began designing jewellery and watches, creating the 'Benney' signature look. In 1994, he opened the Benney showroom and workshop on Walton Street, SW1, a home to the creativity and highly-skilled craftsmanship he is renowned for. Benney is now well established in his Knightsbridge showroom,

where he provides a personal service, discussing commissions and tailoring his designs to his clients' characters and lifestyles as well as offering viewings of his latest collections of silverware and jewellery.

**It has long been a dream of mine to design and launch a diffusion watch line that will allow a younger, wider audience to own a Benney watch**

Benney's talent and experience in crafting bespoke items has made him a favourite with Her Majesty The Queen and HRH The Prince of Wales, having been awarded four Royal Warrants over the last decade.

"Watches have been a passion of mine since I owned my first, at the age of eight," Benny says. "I'm just as fascinated now by the way they work and look as when I was a child. In fact, I own a collection of over 100 watches, ranging from simple styles to a Rolex. Watches are such a personal item, they can reveal so much about the owner's personality, character and style. When I'm designing, I always see the watch as an extension of the person who's wearing it."

As the father of five children, Benney's other passion is his family, closely followed by his love of running. Having run numerous marathons, Benney's next challenge will be the Marathon de Sables, a seven day ultra marathon, a notorious test of endurance equivalent to six regular marathons. The Marathon de Sables is held in the Moroccan desert and considered by many to be the toughest foot race on earth. Benney is currently training hard to take part in this extraordinary feat in March 2010, running 70 miles a week in the lanes along the White Horse Trail in Wiltshire where he lives.

"Over the years I've been lucky enough to create a number of extraordinary designs for private commissions, but it has long been a dream of mine to design and launch a diffusion watch line that will allow a younger, wider audience to own a beautifully designed but more affordable Benney watch." This dream became a reality with the design and creation of Benney Watches, Benney's diffusion line with time pieces starting from £325. "I began designing the Geosportster Chronograph over four years ago when I decided to apply to run the Marathon de Sables. I wanted a watch that would be highly resilient, combine technology with performance and was also design lead," Benny explains.

All Benney models feature scratch and water resistant sapphire glass, ensuring the watch stays in top condition, whatever it's put through. Each is engraved with a unique serial number on the rear of the watch face, to signify the brand's authentic craftsmanship and quality. ■

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# FOOD FOR thought

Run-down and continually ill, Amanda Constance sought out help at Key Nutrition



The Key Nutrition team: Janet Iakin, Elspeth Stewart and Millie Barrett

**E**ver felt like your batteries are flat? Probably quite likely at this time of year but I began to feel that way a few months ago when the nights were short and the leaves still on the trees. I also kept getting colds all the time. And not just any old sniffle but the sort of humdingers that spank you round the head and send you to bed. There were extenuating circumstances. An extremely stressful house move during July and little summer relaxation. But a little bit of stress couldn't make me feel this rubbish could it?

My GP was useless. She told me I was stressed and had a lot on my plate – again. She sent me for a blood test. Thanks a bunch. When I said I'd like to look into the cause of my ill health I received a blank look.

Which is when I discovered Key Nutrition, a group of three 'can-do' nutritionists who believe that good nutrition equals great health. What I liked about them was their aim to identify and address any underlying problems and then tailor a personal programme to correct them, instead of just focusing on the symptoms.

Before meeting up for a first consultation, I was sent a detailed questionnaire which meant that when we met, co-founder Elspeth Stewart already had a good idea about my lifestyle and medical history.

After a lengthy chat, Stewart immediately identified a few issues that she thought needed addressing: my wildly bucking blood sugar levels, my gut health and possible adrenal fatigue. Hitherto fairly clued up

about the basics of nutrition, I had let old habits creep in, such as grabbing something sugary when I felt tired (the worst thing to do). To even out my blood sugar roller-coaster, Stewart said I must up my protein levels by eating protein-rich meals and suggested snacking on nuts and seeds rather than sugar-based temptations.

Stewart was very supportive. It was great to stop, breathe and actually talk to someone about addressing underlying health issues. She explained everything clearly and drew up an 'action plan' to get me fighting fit again. First up, a stool test and a saliva test to check adrenal levels and gut health.

We reconvened weeks later with the test results. The good news was that there was no candida in my gut, those horrible sweet-toothed bugs that can play havoc in our gut. But there was another bad boy, *Blastocystis hominis*, a bug that can add to fatigue and low immunity. The tests also showed low adrenal function and a very low level

of Secretary IgA – an immune antibody that forms a first line of defence against viruses.

Stewart recommended an antibiotic to get rid of the bug plus good multivitamins, huge doses of vitamin C and a probiotic to start with. Plus a diet of wholegrains, protein, greens, nut and seeds; crucially she suggested not just what to eat, but when to eat them to keep my blood sugar levels even.

I already feel much better. Just balancing out my blood sugar has made a huge difference and focusing on food that keeps me on an even keel. I've been cold free whilst my children haven't and definitely feel more resilient. A word of warning, though. Undertaking nutritional therapy should not be done lightly. It is a real commitment in terms of time and money but the rewards are worth it. ■

**An initial consultation will cost £95 (one hour 20 minutes) and follow-up consultations cost £60 (45 minutes). For more information visit [key-nutrition.com](http://key-nutrition.com)**

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# Be age aware

A new generation of age-appropriate skincare has just been launched by ARK, designed to deliver impressive results

**F**ounder of London-based group ARK Health & Beauty, Shula Starkey, is the entrepreneur behind the latest launch, ARK Age Aware Skincare, which includes a range of skincare products, a brand new selection of beauty treatments and the opening of a flagship store in Kensington to add to the four existing branches.

"Our mission has always been to enhance the flow of life energy," Starkey explains. "We believe in the wellbeing of our clients, and in encouraging them to develop their own natural health and beauty. We look at the underlying causes of skin and health concerns, treating the skin as individually as the client. A skincare range seemed the natural progression and fulfils our comprehensive approach to treatments."

In developing the ARK Age Aware Skincare products, Starkey collaborated with Dr. Penny Kendall-Reed, naturopathic doctor and specialist in preventative health. "Penny's expertise in understanding how the chemistry of the body alters as we age and how this affects our skin, and her profound knowledge of how natural therapies can treat and compensate for these changes has been fundamental in creating our concept," says



Starkey. "Together we developed the idea that the best possible maintenance programme for your skin has to evolve as the person evolves. This means treating skin according to skin age, rather than skin type."

## AGE-APPROPRIATE PRODUCTS

"There are two major periods in our lives that are considered transition periods with respect to the ageing process. These are late 20s to early 30s and late 50s to early 60s. These are the two main time periods in our life where there is a dramatic shift in our hormone production and a significant change in the way the body functions. Our skin changes over time as a result of both inherent transformations and the influence of internal and external factors. It is our view, therefore,

that a skin therapy line should take note of these changes and evolve along with you and your skin to provide 'age appropriate' treatment so that it stays healthy," Starkey expands.

Working with Kendall-Reed, Starkey looked at these transition periods and divided the skin therapy collection into three 'age appropriate' product ranges:

- age prepare (teens to mid 30s) protection for younger skins
- age maintain (mid 30s to 50) nourishment for skin showing signs of ageing
- age repair (50s and beyond) support for mature skin with established signs of age

"In over a decade of experience, the team has performed over 100,000 facials at ARK. This has given me privileged access to the skin concerns of thousands of individuals," reveals Starkey. "In my opinion our skin should not be labelled a particular skin type. I believe that if you use the right products for the right time in your life and support the natural function of your skin according to your age-related needs you are better placed to improve it. This is the philosophy behind our formulations."



### THE 'SKINRESPONSE' METHOD

Fundamentally all you need to look after your skin is a great cleanser, moisturiser, exfoliator and masque, as provided by the products in ARK's age prepare, age maintain and age repair product ranges.

From time to time, however, you will have skin concerns caused by factors in the ageing process or external factors such as the sun, extreme weather conditions, travel, stress, working environment or lack of sleep. With all this in mind, ARK set about developing a serum to answer the eight most popular concerns as voted by its clients: fine lines, break outs, sensitivity, loss of tone, dull looking, loss of texture, environmental damage and inflammation. "ARK SkinResponse Serums do just what the name suggests," says Starkey. "They respond to the needs of your skin by targeting these concerns for a six-eight week treatment period after which you can go back to your normal skincare regime."

### A REVOLUTIONARY FACIAL

Designed to combat the internal and external environmental factors that lead to premature ageing, ARK's SkinResponse Facial will cleanse and treat the skin, feeding it with essential

nutrients and vitamins that will help it to function normally and reach optimum health.

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Louise believes anyone can have a fantastic body – regardless of age, body type and your starting point. "By following my method, you really will be blown away by how you can change your shape, energy and most of all confidence." Her programme is suitable for anyone wanting exceptional results, in record time. 'The Intensive' is hugely popular with clients needing to be what she refers to as 'Red Carpet Ready' – whether that's for a wedding, new job role or the school run. "I love helping post-natal mums. Since I had my daughter two years ago, I fully understand the challenges new mothers face, and what has to be done to return you to your former glory."

Louise designs each programme with one of her team before the programme commences, based on the individuals requirements and deadlines. A rigid, yet balanced diet is devised, ensuring the results of your programme are optimized. In six weeks, you will emerge looking better than you thought you ever could. What she does isn't gimmicky – but it is an intelligent combination of three factors – nutrition, training and lifestyle, delivered in just the right combination. She insists: "you need to really want to make a change, and then just follow the programme and you will be amazed by what you can achieve."

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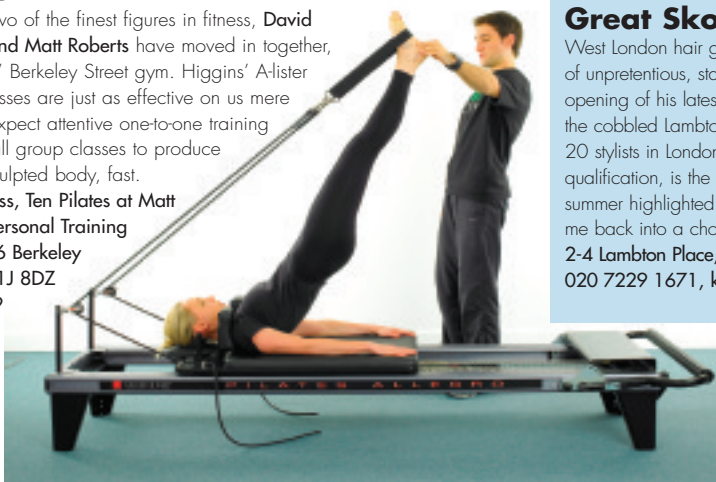


# High maintenance

By Lydia Williams

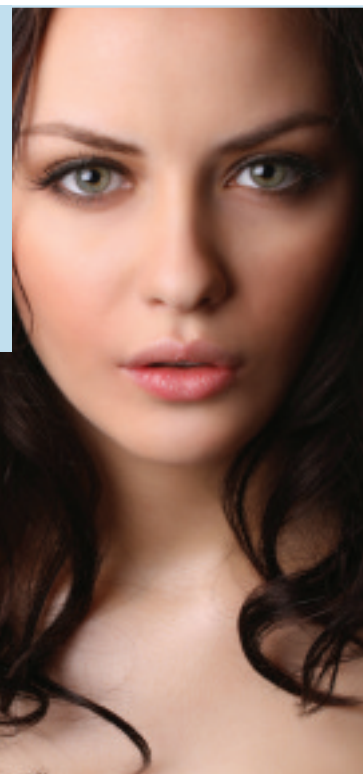
## Top ten

Perhaps two of the finest figures in fitness, **David Higgins** and **Matt Roberts** have moved in together, at Roberts' Berkeley Street gym. Higgins' A-list Pilates classes are just as effective on us mere mortals. Expect attentive one-to-one training in the small group classes to produce a lean, sculpted body, fast. **£25 a class, Ten Pilates at Matt Roberts Personal Training Centre, 16 Berkeley Street, W1J 8DZ 020 7629 4395**



## Great Skott

West London hair guru, **Kell Skott** has brought his band of unpretentious, star snippers a little closer, with the opening of his latest salon behind Westbourne Grove in the cobbled Lambton Place. Shyly Fredman, one of only 20 stylists in London to hold Wella's Master Colour Expert qualification, is the colourist to know. I took my dried-out summer highlighted tresses to her and she transformed me back into a chocolatey, glossy brunette. **2-4 Lambton Place, Westbourne Grove, W11 2SH 020 7229 1671, [kellskotthairstcare.com](http://kellskotthairstcare.com)**



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## Winter sun...

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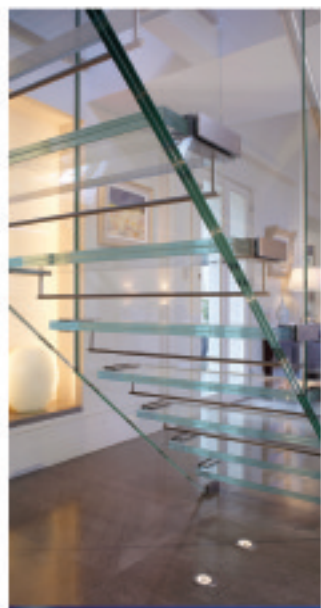


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# GRAND DESIGNS

Edward Hill Partnership are a top-end local architectural practice with big horizons

**E**dward Hill Partnership are a chartered firm of architects, with over 30 years' experience, operating from offices in Kensington.

Coming out of the early 1970s recession, Edward Hill founded the firm in 1977, in his spare bedroom in a mews off Cornwall Gardens. From this modest beginning, the practice moved to Barnes, and subsequently to their own offices in Marloes Road, Kensington. For the last 12 years the firm has been located in a well-lit purpose-designed studio in the heart of 'Stratford Village'. As Edward Hill explains: "It is great to be part of the Stratford Road community, while at the same time being conveniently placed for our local and West End clients."

For over 30 years, the practice has concentrated on its core business of architecture, while developing long-term relationships with fellow professionals – structural engineers, interiors designers, landscape architects, lighting designers, quantity surveyors and others. The strength

of these relationships is important, and enables the practice to put in place, when required, a full professional team, confident that it will deliver.

There are three partners in the practice: Edward Hill, Christopher Mitchell, Joshua Berry, and associate, James Evans. The four lead a close-knit team of talented designers and technicians, working with the latest CAD technology, while offering a genuinely refreshing attitude to service. This is testified by the large quantity of repeat business, which the practice continues to enjoy. The aim is to design good-looking, practical, and always 'user-led' buildings, each the result of working closely with clients to provide

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a solution which is exactly right for them.

The range of work carried off by the firm is very extensive, including housing, commercial, education and leisure. The mainstay of the business, however, is top-end single-house refurbishments and in particular in Kensington, Chelsea, Belgravia and Knightsbridge. Working with top interior designers, numerous houses in these areas have been completely transformed, and the partners are always pleased to show such work to prospective clients. Many of the houses involved are listed, where an eye and feel for sympathetic alteration and improvement is crucial. Whatever the project, high-quality, well-considered design is of paramount importance.

Away from private residential work, there is an exciting variety of completed projects. At Ashdown House School, new buildings include a theatre, an indoor swimming pool, dormitories and a science block. Mixed-use schemes include Prospect Quay, Wandsworth and Mortlake Business Centre, and on the commercial side, there has been a call centre for Qantas airlines and City dealing rooms. On the leisure front, a number of golf club upgrades include the home of the 2011 Open Championship, Royal St. George's, Sandwich. Currently on the drawing board is the master planning of a 370 acre island in the Grenadines.

Whatever the project, the practice brings its considerable experience and design skills to bear. While proud of its track record, Edward Hill Partnership continues to seek new and challenging opportunities. ■

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# RE-BOOT YOUR SYSTEM

Victoria Cullis visits a boot camp in Dorset where she jump starts a new fitness regime that promises to be more than a one-week wonder and deliver truly lasting results

**H**aving gained a few pounds and feeling rather more 'curvy' than I'd like, I realised something had to be done before I went down the slippery slope of guzzling boxes of chocolates to console myself in the loss of my once toned torso. The research commenced for a quick-fix solution...

Nowadays there is a whole host of retreats and boot camps to choose from across the UK – from the gruelling, military camps to newly opened retreats whose weeks away need considerable tweaking according to The Boot Camp Guru, the first national survey of 'boot camps' ([bootcampguru.wordpress.com](http://bootcampguru.wordpress.com)).

From this review, Apples and Pears retreat fitted the bill for me. It was in an incredible location in Dorset in a luxurious farmhouse; I was assured there wouldn't be too many people fighting for the instructor's attention and I'd receive more one-on-one training; there would be a masseuse available to knead away our aches and pain. And finally, I liked the fact that there appeared to be a healthy balance of challenging exercises alongside more relaxing activities.

The week consisted of a range of activities; boxing, coastal treks, circuits, pilates, aqua aerobics, two 1:1 personal training sessions, team games, cycling, salsa fit and swimming coaching. I found the trainers to be outstanding motivators, always at the ready to provide advice and encouragement when participants were flagging. Realistic in their expectations of each individual's ability level, each activity was tailored to push each person to their (differing) limit.

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The food was delicious even if the portions were a little more sparse than my usual servings. The in-house chef cooked delicious fresh soups, lamb burgers, sweet potato mash and fish fillets. Whilst I was a little peckish and sometimes downright hungry at times, I certainly wasn't bored with the fare on offer – a common complaint at other retreats and boot camps. Furthermore, there were evenings sessions giving eye-opening nutritional advice and the tools to put these ideas into practice.

The results speak for themselves; in total I lost eight pounds and eight inches. I left feeling refreshed and revived and with a healthy nutritional programme to follow. One month on and I have continued to follow the healthy eating plan and exercise regime suggested, and most importantly I remain very positive. So not in any way a quick-fix solution – Apples and Pears Retreat aims to change one's lifestyle for the better. ■

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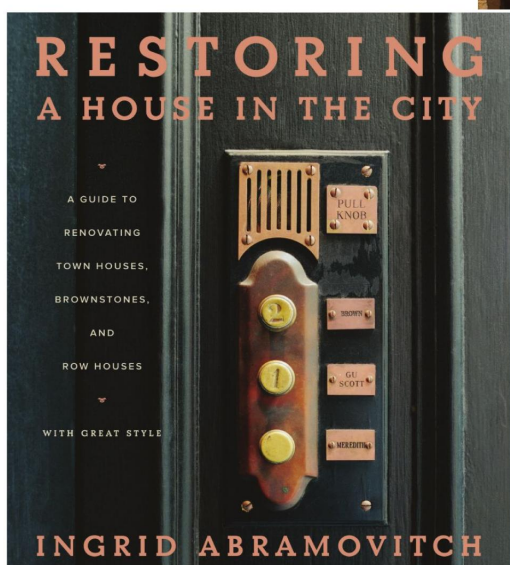


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### Book review

Just out is this inspiring new book, *Restoring a House in the City* (Artisan, £35) by design writer Ingrid Abramovitch. It is rare to find a book dedicated to city houses, and this one features 21 American homes, so there is a wide range of architectural styles, from New York brownstones to a painted Victorian house in San Francisco. Decorative moods range from funky and colourful to classic neutral, and each house featured is accompanied by informative text. There are also restoration notes on everything from salvage to fireplaces. Here is a chance to take inspiration for your home from American good taste.



### Specialist services

Lighting your home has become an increasingly complex business, so lighting store John Cullen on the King's Road, has launched The Lamp Bar. This specialist zone allows customers to directly compare the different types of light given out by compact fluorescent bulbs with LED and tungsten/halogen energy-saving alternatives. Just drop into the showroom, and a member of the design team will answer questions about the new lighting laws, as well as giving advice on practical choices for lighting your home. The Lamp Bar is regularly updated with the latest and best bulbs. Find the showroom at 561-563 King's Road, SW6 2EB 020 7371 9000, [johncullenlighting.co.uk](http://johncullenlighting.co.uk)

# Interiors news

by Judith Wilson

### Get inspired...

...and usher in the new decade with colour and whimsy. Hot off the press are these groovy **Turner Pocock** wallpapers by Catherine Cazalet. The brand new collection features six designs, from cricket bats to tennis racquets, polar bears to zebras, but subtly drawn and just the right size to provoke appreciation on close scrutiny. Shown here is the Ostrich wallpaper, in Neutral/Pink, at £70.50 per 10m roll, find out more at [turnerpocockcazalet.co.uk](http://turnerpocockcazalet.co.uk)... then add accent colour with one of **David Seyfried's** new console tables. The designs have handmade steel frames, with coloured glass tops in a choice of 200 colours (from £620). Find them at David Seyfried 020 7823 3848 [davidseyfried.com](http://davidseyfried.com)



### Blow the budget

**John Stefanidis**, the world-class interior designer, has teamed up with lighting specialists **Bella Figura** to produce a lighting collection under licence. There are four table lamps; the bases (£1,200 each) are handcrafted in Italian marble and can be teamed with Bella Figura's Melton silk lampshade (£150) in four colours – bone, vanilla, white or black. Shown here is the Roma. Find them at [bella-figura-uk.com](http://bella-figura-uk.com), or call 020 7376 4564

### Go online and check out...

...a ravishing new online boutique from interiors stylist **Atlanta Bartlett** and her furniture designer husband **Dave Coote**. Called **Pale & Interesting**, it is a collection of decorative accessories, furniture, jewellery and books, plus garden accessories and furniture, all picked to make the couple's covetable style available to a wider audience. The photography is gorgeous, and the products are an enticing mix of the feminine with utility styles. Look out for the antique leather armchairs (from £650), pretty floral cushions (from £55) and vintage Welsh blankets (from £65). Gift vouchers from £5 to £100 are also available. [paleandinteresting.com](http://paleandinteresting.com) or call 01797 344077







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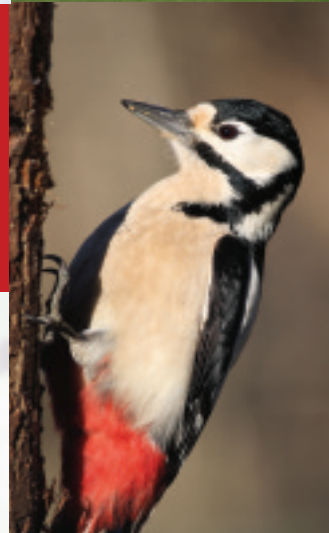
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# ALL FIRED UP

Ceramic Art London prepare to showcase the hottest designs

**F**rom 26-28 February, the Royal College of Art will hand over the Henry Moore and Gulbenkian galleries to Ceramic Art London for the annual showcase of contemporary ceramic art in the UK. Seventy six of the finest ceramicists from London, the UK and around the world will be demonstrating why this is a must visit destination for everyone who loves great design.

Exhibitors have been carefully selected by a committee of celebrated experts including Amanda Fielding, research fellow in the Crafts for the V&A, who adds: "Ceramic Art London is definitely a major event in the arts calendar, whether you are just starting out as a ceramics collector or are well and truly

bitten by the collecting bug. The diversity of work on view

is mesmerizing: from pale unadorned porcelain to rugged wood-fired stoneware, from restrained salt-glaze to riotous colour and pattern, from finely thrown tableware to exuberant hand-built sculpture."

Amongst those exhibiting are Jack Doherty, Peter Hayes, Virginia Graham, Susan O'Byrne and Sue Paraskeva. Every single item on display will also be for sale and with prices ranging from £12-£4,000, this is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to purchase a piece of unique ceramics for their home, from the person who made it.

For those interested in finding out more about working with ceramics, a number of free lectures will take place as part of Ceramic Art London with special guest speakers including Natasha Daintry, Robert Cooper,

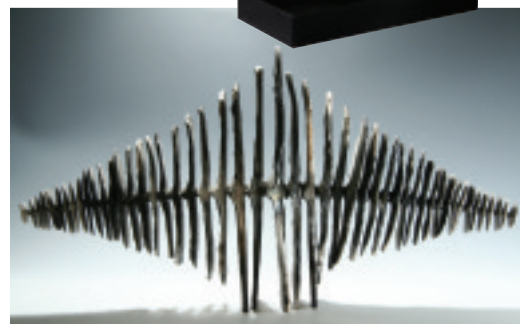
Dave Roberts and Peter Hayes.

Tickets cost on £12 each, which will include an exhibition guide, catalogue and entry to the Discovery lectures. However, any ticket orders placed before 12 February will cost just £9. A postage fee of £2 is charged per delivery address. ■

**For more information, including detailed listings of each exhibitor and lecture, opening times and directions visit [ceramics.org.uk](http://ceramics.org.uk); to book tickets, please call 020 7439 3377**



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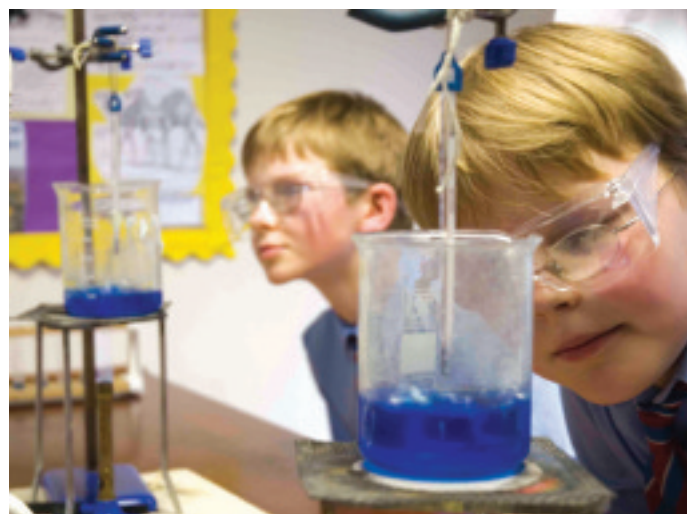


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**F**airley House is London's leading day school for children with specific learning difficulties. Fairley House School was founded 27 years ago by speech and language therapist Daphne Hamilton Fairley. At that time she was teaching dyslexics at home and she knew that what was needed was a school for dyslexic children. The school was officially opened by Princess Alexandra in 1982 with 20 pupils, and today that number has increased to 150.

The school takes a unique approach to education in that educational psychologists, with speech, language and occupational therapists are integrated into the school curriculum. Its central London location has excellent facilities including a science laboratory, art room and outdoor play space.

Fairley House addresses the difficulties of children between five and 14 with dyslexia and dyspraxia. Children's learning styles have often not been catered for in their previous school, leading to failure and loss of confidence, but Fairley House offers them

a level playing field where everyone's difficulties are similar. Children receive a rich, stimulating educational experience integrated with therapy and specialist teaching. Teaching is multi-sensory and children learn science, spelling, geography and history through interesting, hands-on activities. There is a staff/pupil ratio of 1:3.5. The average stay is two to three years after which children return to mainstream schooling with a new 'can do' attitude.

Children with specific learning difficulties benefit from learning in a multi-sensory way. The negative side of dyslexia is so often emphasised but what of the strengths? Fairley House brings out pupils' creativity and the

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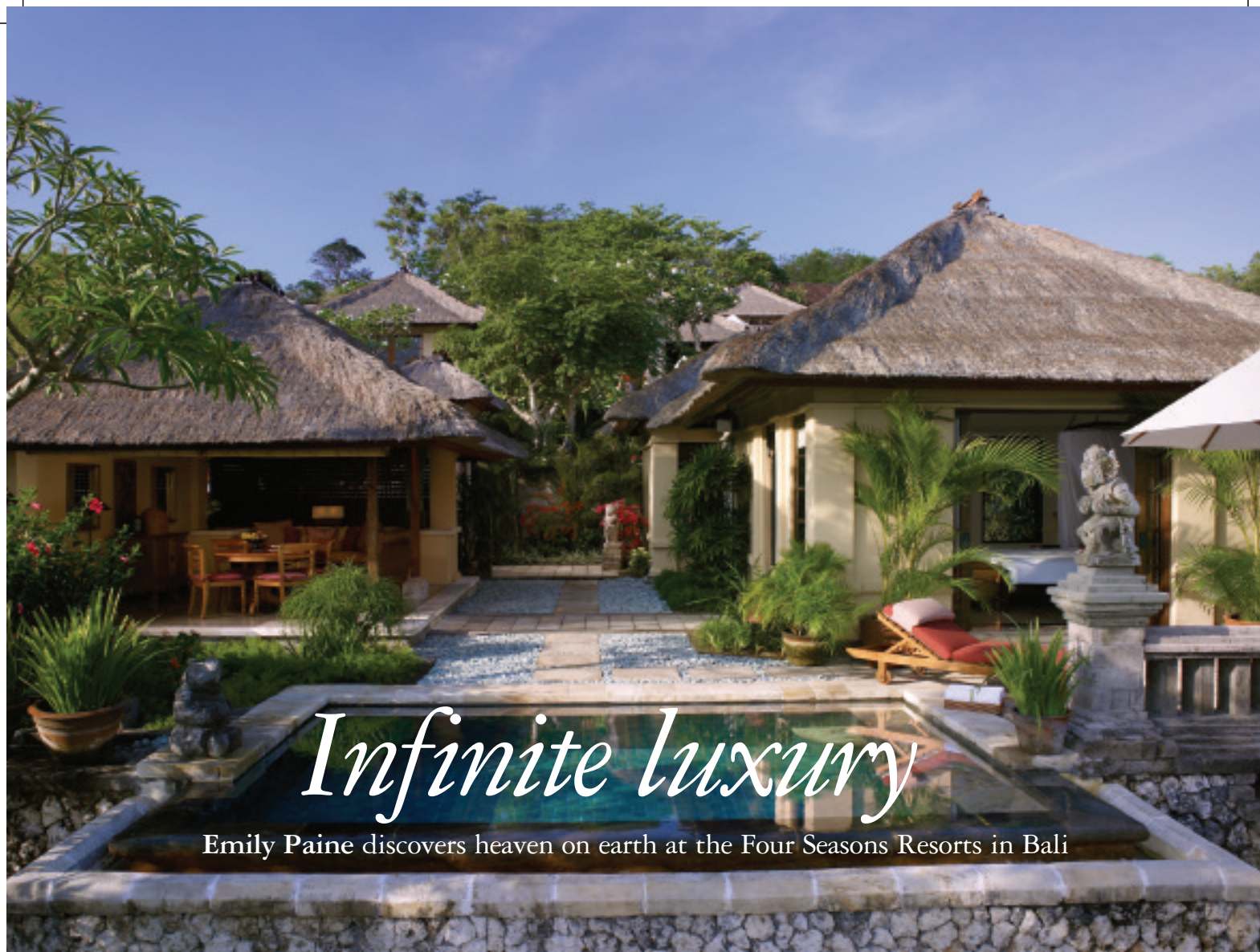
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# Infinite luxury

Emily Paine discovers heaven on earth at the Four Seasons Resorts in Bali

There's no doubt that the Four Seasons resorts in Bali are very bad for you and should probably come with a health warning: enter only if you're prepared to accept that this elysian way of life will be snatched away from you and normality must, tragically, be resumed once you've checked out. Otherwise you're liable to start the trip as an average Joe, humbly prepared to grovel for an extra towel or another bar of soap, and end it with all your diva tendencies flying freely. It's another world, where life is one soothing, luxurious dream and your every whim is anticipated and smilingly catered for. It's completely lethal.

The sense of other-worldliness begins even before you enter. On arrival at the Four Seasons Sayan near the village of Ubud in the lush centre of Bali, we were greeted by what looked like a stunning, futuristic wooden spaceship rising out of the jungle. We descend into the innards of the ethereal wooden dome, and at every architecturally mind-blowing level, find ourselves surrounded by panoramic views of the jungle and the Ayung river meandering

through it. It's the jungle Four Seasons style, of course, despite the riotous array of plants and flowers and obvious presence of animal life, the birdsong is tranquil and sophisticated, and there are no mosquitoes. Cajoling nature itself into accommodating the comfort of the guests is apparently all part of the package.

When we're shown to our room (driven in a little golf cart), we have just enough composure to smile, thank our porter politely, before running from room to room like hyperactive children. The 'room' is actually a villa with an open-air courtyard sitting room furnished with luxuriant sofas overlooking the jungle below. The bedroom, decorated in cool whites accented with oriental rugs and Indonesian sculptures, features a four-poster childhood dream come true and is bigger than the average London flat. It opens out onto a private stone swimming pool flanked by deckchairs. There isn't a soul in sight – only jungle below, blue sky above and no obligations beyond a dip in the pool, sunbathing and the contemplation of a tomorrow full of spa-treatments.

Our treatment the following day is misleadingly named 'A day in the life of a Balinese farmer' – if it's in any way representative, it could go a long way to explaining why the Balinese in general are so smiley and eternally contented. We begin with a guided walk through the jungle and rice paddies surrounding the hotel and the small village of Sayan. It's the tail-end of the rainy season and the fields glow like emerald jewels, the view from each rising paddy more breathtaking than the last. We breakfast on black rice pudding with coconut milk and fresh tropical fruit in a serene private *balé*, a traditional hut without walls.

After breakfast we head up to a half-planted paddy-field to see how it's done. Not so easy if my attempts at planting the seeds are anything to go by. I don't even seem to be able to manoeuvre my feet in the mud and am in constant danger of falling head first into the oozy grey murk. I blame my wellies. Real farmers go barefoot – clearly much easier. By the end of this 20-minute exercise, my back's sore and I'm sweating pathetically –





I have no idea how the farmers do this for hours at a time in the relentless sun.

The mild exertion, though, is worth it for the sheer pleasure of what follows. Escorted to the spa pavilion, we soak in a gargantuan stone bath sunk into the floor with scented bubbles and frangipani flowers floating on the surface. Scrubbed and scented, we process in our robes to a light, airy massage parlour full of flowers, where the delicious smell of the massage oil, coconut oil infused with ginger, vetiver and fennel, fills the room. The massage magics away every ounce of tension from my back, neck and head. The oddest sensation is the grated ginger-root applied to the base of the spine – I hold my tongue and try to avoid fidgeting while my skin grows hotter and hotter, then, compelled by horror stories of botch-job hot pebble massages, ask my masseuse politely if my back is burning. She roars with laughter (or rather, giggles demurely into her hand) and explains that ginger is used as a traditional relaxant in Bali – and after she's removed it, the burning sensation continues. Post-massage, the boyfriend, who'd arrived

in Bali after a London working week looking like someone had attached weights to the bags under his eyes, resembles a blissed-out baby. Which is pretty much how I feel, too.

We arrive in Jimbaran Bay a few days later with a degree of scepticism. Is there any way that another hotel can live up to the paradise of Sayan? Well, as it turns out, yes. The Four Seasons Jimbaran is set on a terraced hillside with hewn stone paths shaded by lush foliage leading straight down to the perfect sweep

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of Jimbaran Bay. The massage *balé* is set in an enclave in a cliff where waves whirl against rocks beneath, creating a hypnotic soundtrack. The massage, itself, which is exquisite, competes with the spectacular view. But what to do – to close your eyes and sink into the gorgeous sensation of floating under hands like warm air, or keep your eyes wide open to take in the pale gold sand of the bay and sparkling Java Sea below? The massage is followed by a facial using chamomile, white Argiletz and sandalwood. I'm not usually a great one for facials, ending up wishing they'd just leave me alone, but this one, perhaps thanks to the rough invigorating texture of the pastes and the delicious fragrance of the calendula oil and neroli moisturiser, is perfect. The treatment's finished off with mint tea served on an enormous lounge set higher up among the cliffs looking out over perfect blue sea, I'm so contented and relaxed my mind is a warm, soothing blank – a rarity bordering on the impossible for a neurotic Londoner.

All too soon it's time to trot down to the beach for supper. The way is lit by hundreds of candles glowing in paper lanterns, which are scattered all over the beach as well. Seating and tables have been dug and crafted out of the sand and are arranged around a traditional Gamalan orchestra, whose chiming music accompanies elaborately costumed Legong dancers from the local village. Supper is buffet-style: piles of delicate sushi, pasta with mouth-watering clams, lightly fragranced salads, a meltingly tender *babi guling*, Balinese suckling pig, as well as mini versions of every conceivable pudding are spread before us.

The waves lap, the music lilts, constellations glitter in the night sky. It's so perfect, down to the tiniest detail, that it's hard to believe it's actually happening. Which is pretty much the Four Seasons through and through. ■

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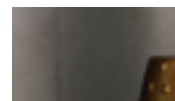
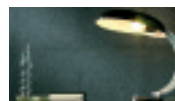
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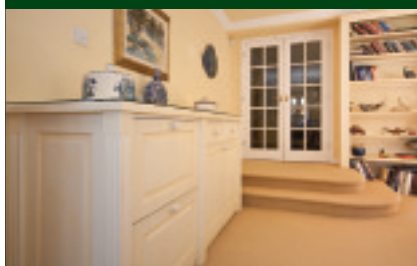
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# The Sybarite

Simon Brooke... has a close shave

**H**ow many women have found themselves asking a peachy skinned husband or boyfriend: "Have you been helping yourself to my moisturiser, again?" It's hardly surprising that over the last few years a whole host of men's skincare products has appeared on the market.

And yet, there is still something slightly embarrassing about the whole business of male beauty, sorry, grooming. Us men are happy to be pampered but we want a practical justification for it, such as the requirement to look fresh and go-getting in a competitive jobs market. One of the most successful grooming studios, the Refinery on Brook Street, for example, has an Ice Facial, which includes crushed ice, citrus oils and specialist massage techniques (£85, the-refinery.com), marketed as an antidote to the effects of any Christmas or New Year excesses.

But this interest in men's skin treatments has given the traditional wet shave a new lease of life. You might be laughed at by your pals for being cleansed and moisturised but a shave – well, what could be more manly?

At the Dorchester Spa, (thedorchester.com/dorchester-spa, men's treatments start from £90) my concerns about all that 'beauty' business

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are assuaged as my wet shave starts. For most men, this morning ritual consists of a quick squirt of foam, a perilous zip around the face with a plastic razor followed by a dab of aftershave before they rush off to the office.

But sitting in the Dorchester's chair as the first hot towels are applied I begin to see that a real shave is an altogether, whisper it, indulgent experience. After a thorough cleansing, my barber,

Ken, provides a massage, and the tension in my facial muscles begins to ease off. Having someone else wield the razor is at first slightly alarming but I soon realise that Ken has a better command of it than I do.

"Treatments for men focus more on maintenance or upkeep, rather than 'beauty'," explains Ann Costelloe, manager of the Dorchester Spa where the proportion of male clients has risen from ten per cent during the 1990s to nearly a third today.

Geo F Trumper (trumpers.com, shave with hot towels from £30), which was founded in 1875 has seen an increase in demand for proper wet shaves, too.

"Nowadays, Trumper's barbers are seeing third and fourth generations visiting the shop for a regular shave," says Mike Mason, manager of the Curzon Street branch. "Younger chaps are enjoying the weekly 'down time' of a wet shave, haircut, head massage, manicure or facial."

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# restaurant reviews



## PIX

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Pix is short for pintxos and refers to the wooden sticks on which these Basque tapas are served. At this Notting Hill newcomer, punters help themselves from a bar-top buffet, collecting their 'pix' in a glass on their table, ready for staff to tally up at the end of the meal.

We say meal, for although the concept lends itself perfectly to snacking over drinks, guests are encouraged to get properly stuck in. Sure, there's a bar – well stocked with wine and cocktail makings – but most of the room is dominated by tables and we saw punters turned away once the seats at these were taken (even though there was plenty of space at the counter).

This is all rather odd, especially as the food here isn't very pleasant to eat in large quantities. Don't get us wrong, there's nothing wrong with the flavours, it's just that most bites come on chunky cuts of bread, which makes for pretty stodgy eating.

Our favourite combination was the asparagus and foie gras with leek and white chocolate, which trod the thin line between rich indulgence and light freshness beautifully. We also enjoyed the quail's egg and black pudding with confit pepper, and paella of chorizo and chicken.

The only real disappointment was a smoked salmon canapé topped with something that looked like caviar but turned out to be a hideously tart blackberry. Now, at £2.50 a pop (the price of all the bites on offer here), we were hardly expecting the real thing, but to serve up clashing ingredients just because they look good seems silly.

But, to give the management credit, they've done rather well in the style over substance department when it comes to staff. Service may have been slightly chaotic on our early visit but, boy, was the gorgeous front-of-house team lovely to look at!



## THE ELGIN

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Geronimo Inns' first foray into Notting Hill has seen the gastropub chain tart up a fraying Ladbroke Grove boozer, swapping Sky Sports and cheap lager for occasional acoustic music sessions and a drinks list that extends to well-sourced wines and 22 types of gin. Unsurprisingly, there's also been a complete change in patronage. The bad-rep crowd of old has moved on, making way for the area's young professionals, who seem to like the place enough to bring both friends and work along (free wi-fi means laptops abound).

The spruced-up interiors comprise a spacious main bar with large windows and an adjacent pavement terrace; a smarter dining area with Laura Ashley-style furnishings and playful music-themed art; plus our favourite space, The Gin Palace, a screened-off feature bar with real old-school glamour about it.

The menu isn't quite as accommodating. Take the starter selection: on our visit, there were only five to choose from, two of which were vegetarian, while another two were based on smoked fish. The only meat option (a ham hock terrine) had sold out by 8pm. We plumped for the mackerel and salmon dishes, both showcasing excellent fish while lacking in accompaniments. The latter, 'served with all the trimmings', came with lemon, onion, eggs and cress but no toast.

At main, a daily special of grey mullet in vegetable broth with crayfish and mussels proved too salty to finish, while a near-perfect steak and chips was served with disappointing bearnaise, runny and acidic from too much vinegar. Poached pear with creamy vanilla ice-cream brought proceedings to a sweet close and we were lucky to stay long enough to see a fellow diner order the burger, which is what we'll have next time we go.



## THE EBURY

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Our last foodie port of call for 2009 and, I fear, our timing was terrible. In the pre-Christmas merriment decibels had reached ear-splitting levels, and it was only a Tuesday night. The corner plot at the Victoria end of Pimlico Road was packed to the rafters including office Christmas parties, complete with novelty hats. In amongst this we found our table for two. The waiter yelled over the din for our drinks order, adding that he was 'running low on quite a few wines', G&T then. 'No Tonic.' A bad start.

A seasonal, comprehensive selection of brasserie dishes momentarily distracted us from the raucous crowd. Starters of chicken livers, bacon and walnut salad with Sauvignon dressing and a tagliatelle with prawns, chilli, ginger and coriander arrived. The livers were smoky, buttery soft and supporting flavours of earthy walnut and peppery rocket made this wintery classic a winner; the tagliatelle on the other hand had my Italian dinner date downcast, the heavy handful of coriander obliterated any delicate flavours from the prawns, and the pasta swam in a pool of oil. The mood wasn't enhanced by the fact I had to apologise to the gentleman behind me with every mouthful as I elbowed him in the back.

Mains were also a mixed bag, a medley of confit of duck, pork belly and Toulouse sausage on a cassoulet béarnaise was hearty, tomatoey and a true winner. But the braised lamb shank disappointed, the flavour wasn't there and the puddle of lukewarm celeriac puree did nothing to make it memorable. We departed early after just an hour, the nursery-style desserts looked promising but our brain cells needed conserving.

Perhaps I am being unfair, with the decibel levels reduced and minus half the other diners the experience could have been wholly more successful, we will go back on a mid-week lunch to enjoy the food in peace. *Lydia Williams*



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# THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT

Christina Farr meets the owners of The Orange, a new pub and hotel in the very heart of Belgravia

The Orange, the latest pub and restaurant from the culinary masterminds behind the Cubitt House Group, opened with a bang last November with a launch party that attracted locals in droves. Defying the recession, it has remained fully booked ever since. Owners Stefan Turnbull and Barry Hirst believe that the key to their success has been their unique ability to provide the community with a comfortable venue that offers a 'home away from home'.

Set over four floors, the pub's rustic European menu and pared down aesthetic have proven a sure-fire hit with locals and tourists alike. One visitor wrote: "I fell madly in love with the exquisite wood roasted chicken, cos and butternut squash salad. If I promise to continue my love affair with it, would you please tell me how I can make this salad?" The eclectic menu truly has something for everyone; wood-fired pizzas accompany traditional favourites such as roasted vegetable lasagna, while adventurous diners can sample the grilled octopus, chorizo and cherry tomato salad or wild boar, chestnut and chorizo stew. Families are also catered to with all the dishes offered to young children in half portions for half price.

With a background in property, joint owners and long-time Belgravia residents, Hirst and Turnbull, noticed that the area was saturated with £100-a-head venues. Experiences eating out in central London spurred them on to realise their vision for an affordable, comfortable venue where residents could enjoy a meal and a quiet pint. Hence, the Thomas Cubitt and the Pantechnicon were born, quickly becoming firm favourites with a sophisticated crowd, lured by the traditional British fare and day-long Sunday roasts.

The owners are particularly proud of the Orange's ability to "act as a centre of the community", and describes the crowd as an eclectic mix of local families with their broods and 20-something professionals. Unlike the majority of London pubs, this establishment boasts table service and an infrequent turnaround of staff, with the

majority of the 143 employees having stayed on since the group's beginnings four years ago. Taking seriously their promise to remain a family venue, the owners attend at least one of their venues each day in an attempt to ensure staff and customer satisfaction. Hence, when the chef attempted to introduce a new sausage to the bangers and mash dish, the customers staged a riot and won.

According to Turnbull, "the idea was to revert back to a bygone period where you could eat, drink and sleep at the public house". Thus, The Orange has four doubles available for £155-£175 a night and unsurprisingly, the beautifully decorated rooms proved particularly popular in the festive season. The Orange hopes to keep the momentum going in the New Year, with plans to implement monthly film evenings, poetry or book readings led by high profile actors. With gloomy January upon us, this is the perfect time to discover a new, local haunt that won't disappoint. After all, the future's bright... ■

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# TABLE TALK

by Annica Wainwright, an editor at Square Meal



## It's bedtime!

Get ready for more than just breakfast in bed: Amsterdam's infamous **Supperclub** has set up shop in Notting Hill, serving up food and drink against the backdrop of risqué performance art as customers perch on oversized mattresses (pictured, Singapore Supperclub). There's no choice on the menu (the food is modern European and you eat what you're given, dinner-party style) but there's plenty of variety behind the bar and those among us who used to visit this site in the Nineties (does Subterranea ring a bell?) can enjoy it all with a generous side order of nostalgia.

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## In the zone

Fulham Broadway is the latest location to be graced with a branch of the award-winning budget chain **Masala Zone**. The restaurant, around the corner from the tube station, serves up a colourful mix of street snacks, curries and tandoor grills, all punching way above their weight in terms of price. You'd be hard pushed to spend much more than £20 a head – including drinks – for an à la carte dinner. **Masala Zone Fulham** 583 Fulham Road, SW6 5UA 020 7386 5500, [realindianfood.com](http://realindianfood.com)



## Just like Mama used to make

For those of you with Christmas book vouchers to spend, we could think of few better tomes to invest in than Katie Caldedi's **The Italian Cookery Course**.

Packed with photographic master classes and well-researched sections on ingredients, history and techniques, it lives up to its name by being much more than just a recipe book. It also goes beyond the borders of Italy to cover basic skills like kneading bread and filleting fish. Spend a few hours in its company and you'll not only be able to tell your prosciutto and speck from your bresaola but should also feel confident whipping up a veal milanese or risotto primavera.

Kyle Cathie, £30



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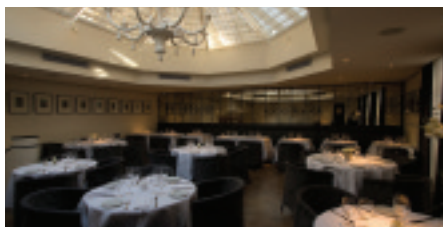
**Sample dishes:** Eggs Benedict; ribeye steak; beer-battered cod and chips; chocolate brownie and ice cream

**Offers:** Set lunch: two course £10; three courses £13.50

**House wine:** Cuvee del Molino Blanco; Cuvee Molino Tinto

**Atmosphere:** Stylish, laid back gastro pub style, with traditional British cooking. Perfect for meeting friends

**Opening times:** Monday-Saturday 7am-11pm; Sunday 7.30am-10.30pm



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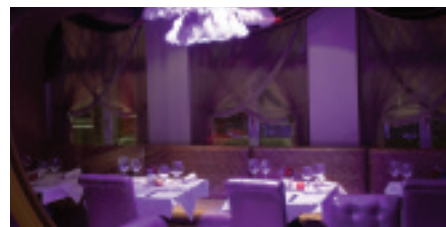
**Sample dishes:** Subtle Eastern dishes, robust Italian pastas and classic favourites; Yellow tail sashimi, white truffle and mange tout. Saffron and tiger prawn risotto. Caviar, hand cut chips.

**Offers:** Light lunch, one course and a glass of wine £15

**House wine:** Vermentino Di Sardegna, Sangiovese

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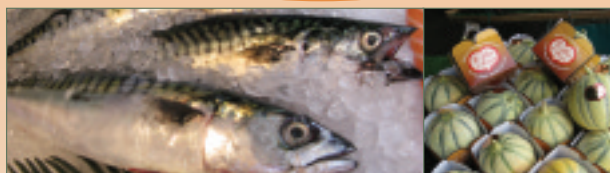
**Sample dishes:** Garlic Baby Lobster & Soft Shell Crab with Cocktail Sauce; Longhorn Beef Chop with Béarnaise Sauce, carved at the table

**Offers:** Set lunch: two courses £10; three courses Christmas menu £40 and complimentary entrance to the club

**House wine:** Picpoul de Pinet, Domaine Pegreicade 2007, Languedoc, France; Riva Leone, Barbera, 2008, Piemonte, Italy

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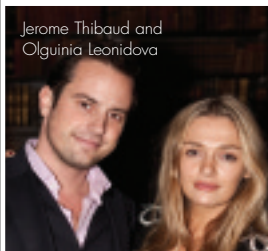
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The Christmas season started with a bang not a whimper as the high rollers flocked to No 11 London, the new private members' club and hotel at Cadogan Gardens, where owners Paul Davies and Paul Goddard threw a festive bash to celebrate the launch of No 11's new concierge service. The cocktails had a Christmas flavour and the music was sublime as soprano Melinda Hughes put in a special performance



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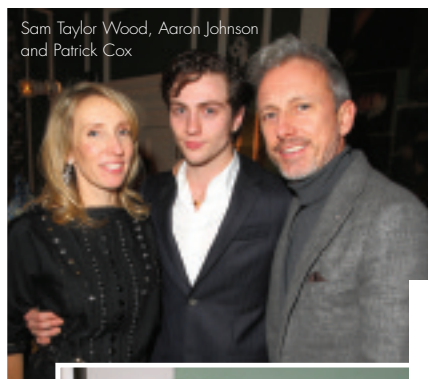
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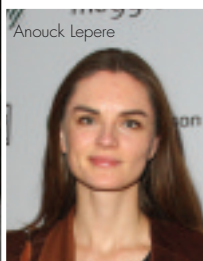
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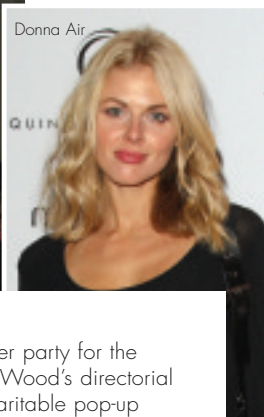
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Quintessentially hosted an exclusive after party for the premiere of *Nowhere Boy*, Sam Taylor-Wood's directorial debut, at Quintessentially Soho, the charitable pop-up members' club at The House of St Barnabas in Soho. Tanqueray created the Tanqueray Tripper cocktail for the night and Tara Ferry was on the decks at the event in aid of Maggie's Charity



John Hannah and Douglas Rae



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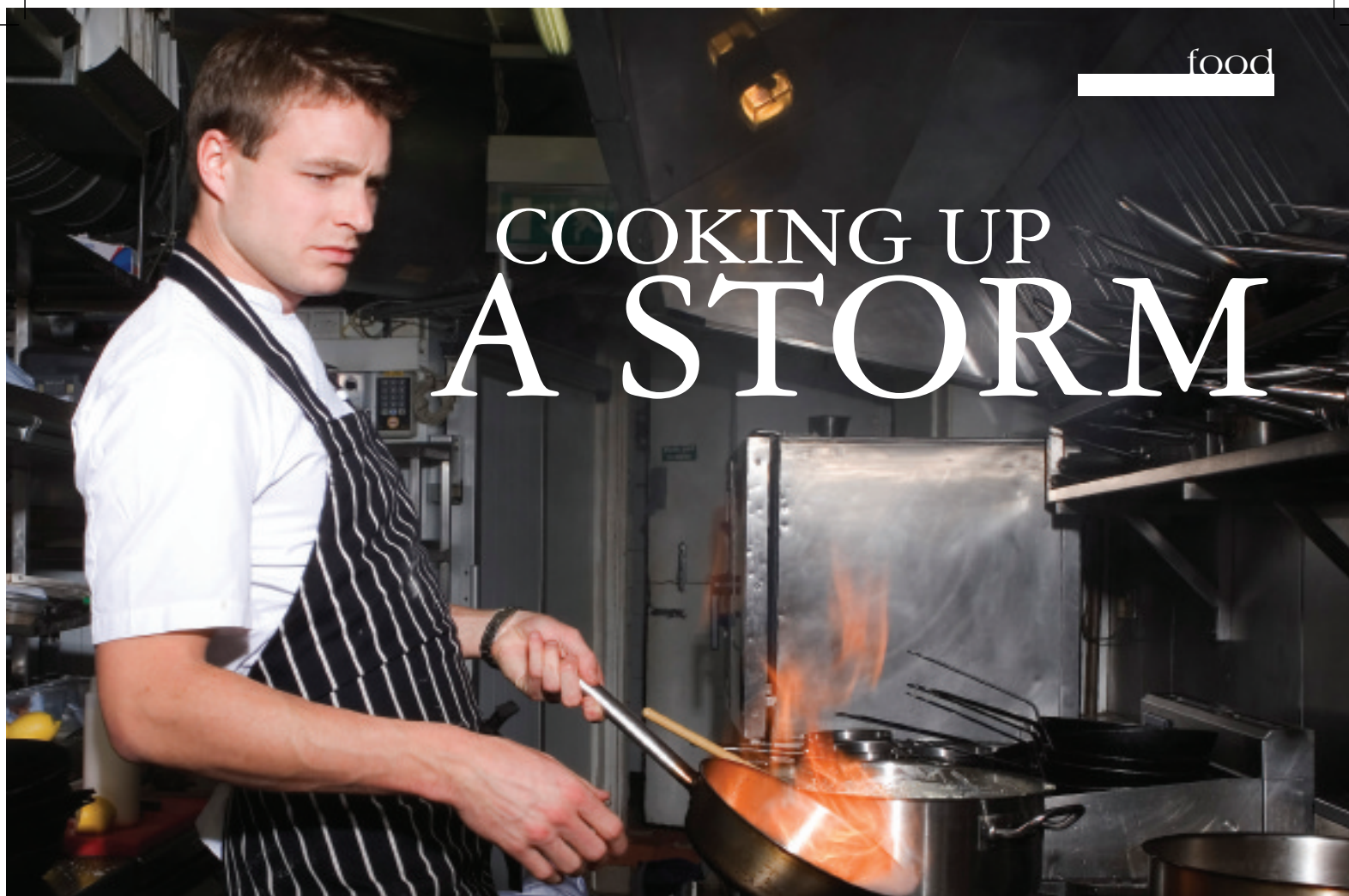
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# COOKING UP A STORM



Pimlico Road's latest eatery has a chef at its helm who knows his onions, as **Marina Kolobova** finds out

**L**01 Pimlico Road may be the newest addition to SW1's line-up of culinary attractions, but chef Keith Goddard has already got to know the area quite well. Previously a butcher at Montpelier Street's Jack O'Shea, this is a young talented chef with a keen understanding of local diners and their tastes. Yet it is only recently that he has settled here. At the age of only 28 he has already had the opportunity travel the world and learn from its best restaurateurs.

It has only been five years since Goddard began work as a professional chef, but his natural flair for food has seen him accumulate a long list of internationally recognised achievements. Trained at the French Culinary Institute in New York, he was offered work with Daniel Meyer before his return to the London, where he catered for Britain's most desirable dinner guests, Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. In fact, he was about to accept work in Lyon, before he met restaurant-owner William Richard Guess who shared his culinary aspirations and ideas.

Although he has had the opportunity to work with local Michelin stars like Tom Aikens, he has maintained an individual vision for his menu. "The idea behind it was to create a restaurant which took its food extremely seriously, but not so seriously that it took the fun away from eating out," says Goddard. "I wanted to break down preconceived ideas about food. On the menu you will find traditional English ox tongue alongside an Italian-inspired mozzarella salad. Food doesn't have to be categorized or one-dimensional."

The creation of this eclectic menu was an exciting but lengthy process. Goddard describes narrowing the choice from

**Food doesn't have to be categorised or one-dimensional**

a potential 200 dishes he loves to just six signature mains. After all, simplicity is central to his vision. The menu is just a page long, but filled with carefully sourced and combined ingredients. "I love fish," he says. "You'll notice there is English lobster on the menu as I've tried to work with English ingredients. I've read a lot about fish and I went to work in Billingsgate for a few days to learn more." In fact, he recalls always being surrounded by "thousands of recipe books".

For the chef, the food served here is the culmination of a lifetime passion. "The menu is full of my favourite things to eat and they are the favourite things of other people I know. It has taken a year to get here and though we have only been open a week, we have already developed a lot and hope to continue doing so into the New Year." Though his talent once took him across the Atlantic, luckily for locals 101 Pimlico Road is where he clearly intends to stay. ■

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# DOWN AT THE FARM

Banish any bucolic imagery you may have, The Farm in Fulham is a restaurant for serious city foodies

Positioned at the top end of the Fulham market and a few minutes walk from Fulham Broadway station, The Farm has seen its share of changes over the last few years. Recently, it has been acquired by London experienced restaurateur Olivier Lavigne, ex Bluebird and Flo, and has regained its local following and reputation.

Neatly divided into sections, this relaxed space has a feeling of intimacy akin to a private home and all rooms have been tastefully redecorated. You can linger around the fireplace in the lounge or have a more cozy dinner in the main dining area. The restaurant is a stylish space - with dark woods and velvet paneling, and a full-length terrace window which is great at dusk or on sunny days. Everything here will make you feel at home and the staff will ensure you can relax whilst providing you with a very professional service.

In the kitchen, Julian Marshall is heading

the team. Formerly head chef of Mosimann and The Lanesborough hotel, Julian has designed a menu that focuses on traditional home-cooked recipes, mixing classicism and modernity. Some of the dishes are designed to be shared, served in a roasting tray or in large bowls with an ease and simplicity that echoes the home-cooked ethos.

The Farm relies on local suppliers to concoct their menus; with their meat coming from H. G. Walters (a winner of the Butcher of the Year Award) and their cheeses from

**There is an obvious focus on sourcing the best seasonal ingredients**

Daylesford Organic (including their award winning cheddar). There is an obvious focus on sourcing the best seasonal ingredients and they are prepared to perfection by Julian and his team. Saturdays and Sunday lunchtimes offer the traditional roast of lamb or beef offered alongside some classic brunch dishes.

Finally the wine list features organic and natural wines, all of them served by the glass or carafe, so you can try some unusual wines like the Gamay d'Auvergn, without committing to a whole bottle. The selection is large and covers all tastes and regions. Olivier is always keen to help you discover some of the more unknown grapes and the staff will not hesitate to serve you a sip so you can taste before you buy.

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# ANIMAL MAGIC

Jasmine Robertson talks to James Bennett about life at the Elizabeth Street Veterinary Clinic

**T**he Elizabeth Street Veterinary Clinic is one of London's oldest vet's practices and has a long and varied history. In the 1800s the clinic gave the police advice on their choice of bloodhounds to find Jack the Ripper – unsuccessfully as it turned out.

Now the clinic is a thriving small animal practice during the day; by night it is the only veterinary clinic open for 24-hours in central London and offers an emergency service, by appointment, 365 days of the year for the clientele of more than 20 clinics.

Located in the heart of Belgravia it is within easy reach of people living in Chelsea, Westminster, Pimlico and Battersea. Its situation means that there's a wide range of four-legged friends coming through the door, says head day vet James Bennett, as the area

is very cosmopolitan and home to many international business people. "We have quite a lot of lapdog types," he explains "chihuahuas in handbags, that sort of thing." But also lots of Labradors and other shooting dogs because a number of local residents also own homes in the country.

Nearly all the animals that the clinic

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or even pythons  
were brought in  
to the surgery**

sees are dogs or cats, with a few guinea pigs and rabbits. Gone are the days of the 1960s and 1970s when chimps, lions or even pythons would be brought in. That said, one of the partners, Keith Butt, who now practices at a sister clinic in South Kensington was personal physician to the famous Christian the Lion in the 1970s.

Bennett explains that veterinary practice is far more specialised then those heady days when vets were expected to be a jack of all trades. The ESVC is now a modern, well-equipped small animal surgery. The clinic can now look after an animal from full diagnosis, through surgery, if required, and post-operative care. There up to 12 berths available in its animal hospital for in-patients and a roster of nurses who provide round-the-clock care.

Yet Bennett is keen to stress that "we are a modern service but with slightly old-fashioned values". The practice wants to provide the very best diagnostic and surgical facilities but at the same time "we recognise that pets are pets and pets are part of the family". This means that the clinic recognises that owners matter, too, and Bennett says they are always at pains to "go through all the options that are best for the animal", to include owners in all decisions and not bamboozle them with science. The clinic also wants to be a real community service. As Bennett says, "we offer sensible, pragmatic, unhurried advice on caring for you pets." The staff want people to drop by at any time with any queries about caring for their animals, however small. "If the nurses can't help," says Bennett, "then we are more than happy for them to be put through to us." The surgery is happy to give advice on anything from pet passports, to diet, to finding a good kennel.

Bennett says he was inspired to be a vet by the James Herriott books where being a vet was very much about being part of a community. Fairly new to the ESCV after three years spent at a clinic in Wimbledon, Bennett says it's a fantastic place to work and it's not just caring for the animals that makes it worthwhile. "It's a great people job, it's what I love about being here." ■

**A first consultation costs £42.95, the price drops thereafter. Elizabeth Street Veterinary Clinic, 55 Elizabeth Street SW1W 9PP, 020 7730 9102, [esvc.co.uk](http://esvc.co.uk)**



# MY RESIDENCE:

*Maya Fiennes, Kundalini yoga teacher*

**Where do you live and why?**

The Fulham Road because its very family orientated, I have friends who live near by and there are great restaurants and shops around.

**What would you do with 24 hours left to live?**

Be with my kids

**What makes you smile about where you live?**

The provincial mentality

**What would you change about where you live?**

To see more smiles on the street

**What are your New Year's resolutions?** To open my heart fully and get into 'being' rather than 'doing'. And to learn to receive gracefully.

**How has yoga changed your life?** It has given me the tools to realise my highest potential and have fun whilst getting there. Kundalini yoga gives me a pure form of energy which seems to radiate from the core connecting my heart, mind and spirit.

**What are the benefits?**

Practising Kundalini yoga can produce powerful and dramatic results very quickly. It lifts your energy levels to new peaks, aligning your whole being until you become more awake, aware and vibrantly healthy. One session leaves you feeling fit, ready and able to tackle everyday challenges with new zest.

**What's your motto for life?**

Be honest to yourself and others

**What is your greatest passion?**

My greatest passion is passion for life, everything I do becomes a passion.

**What is your greatest regret?**

That I didn't connect with my mother better when she was alive.

**What is the last film you saw?**

I just recently found an old DVD of The Field of Dreams. It's a very hopeful film with a great message of trust.

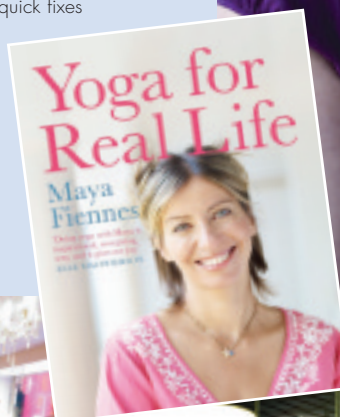
**Book you read?**

Deepak Chopra's new book of happiness.

**Maya Fiennes never leaves home without...** my mantra CD.

**How do you incorporate it into your every day life?**

The beauty of Kundalini yoga is that the effects are immediate whether you do a one-hour active session, a mantra-chanting meditation session or just a three-minute kriya/exercise. I try to meditate at some point of my day, every day, as it stills my mind and gives me balance. There are quick fixes on how to prevent a cold or calm yourself down when stress sets in. These can be done in the car. Then there are longer sessions, to be done on a mat, which have longer lasting effects. These are all described in my book, *Yoga for Real Life* (£14.99, Atlantic Books).



**What's your favourite local shop?**  
Indian Summer on the Fulham Road

**How would you define Kundalini yoga?**

It is often referred to as the mother of all yoga. It is an ancient technology designed to awaken the Kundalini energy we are all born with. It's our essence, our life force and it lies dormant in the base chakra, at the fourth vertebra of the spine. We need to awaken it if we want to reach our full potential, to become fully conscious and present.



**When did you start yoga?**

Around 15 years ago when I wanted to find something to help me relax and concentrate at the same time ahead of my classical piano concerts.



**What's your favourite local restaurant?**

E&O; not so nearby but I don't mind driving few minutes.



**Where are the last three places you went on holiday?**  
Verana in Mexico, the Mayflower Spa outside New York and the Ojai Valley, California (pictured).



**Who would you invite to your last supper?** God



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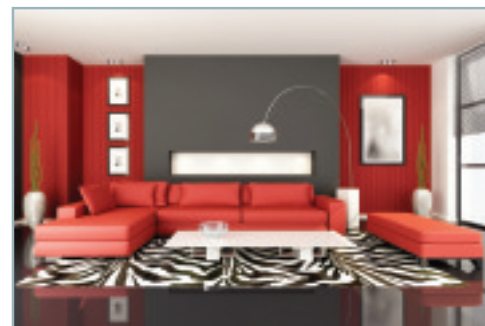


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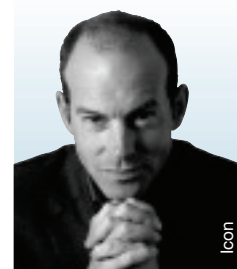
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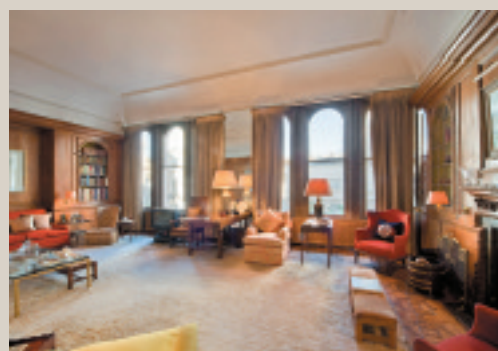
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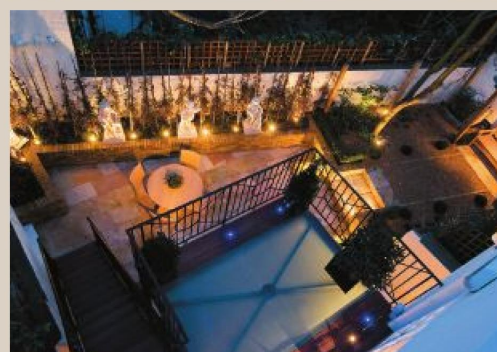
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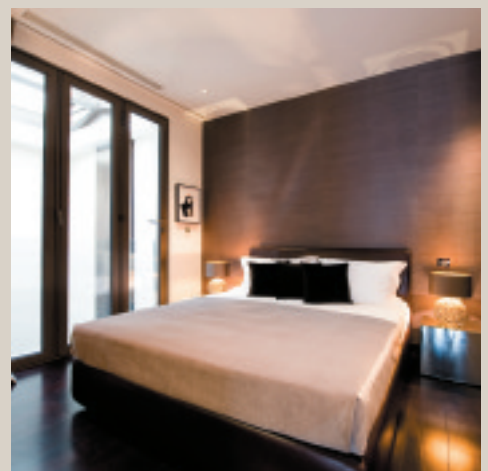
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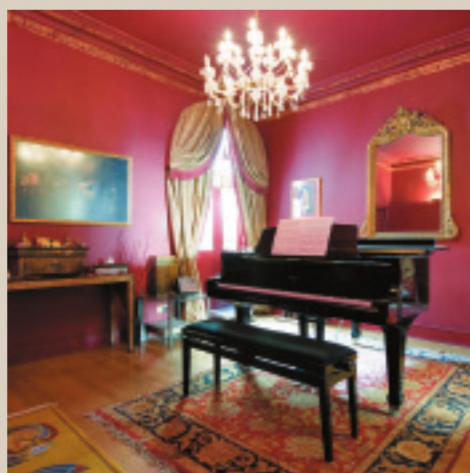
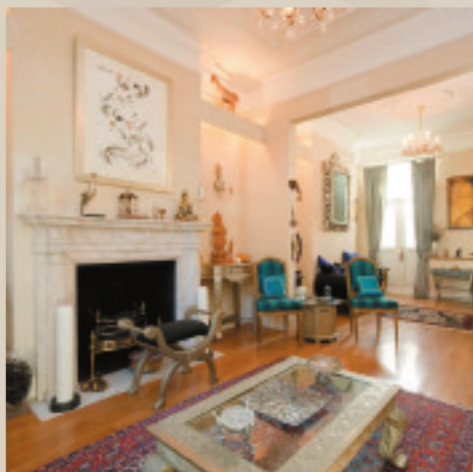
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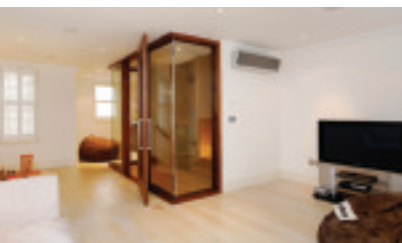
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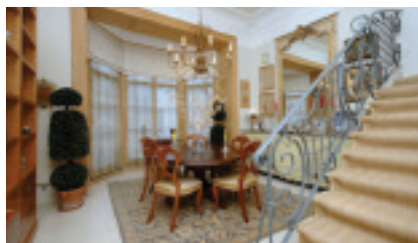
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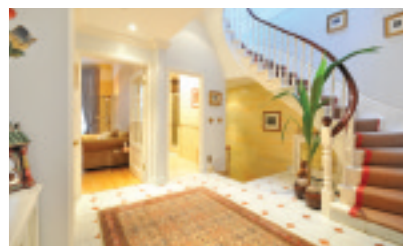
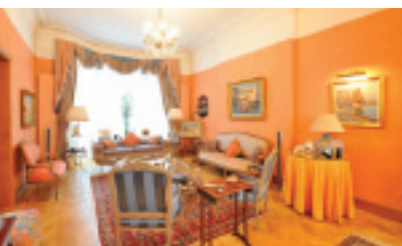
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## Russell Road Kensington W14

A fabulous period family home with direct access to communal gardens. This elegant property, which is situated in a tree lined street within The Royal Borough of Kensington, features an impressive double reception room with a separate dining room/family room & a large well fitted kitchen. The 5 bedrooms are located on the 2 upper floors with an indulgent master suite comprising a walk in dressing area & bathroom. The location is ideal for the amenities of both Kensington & Holland Park which is within walking distance of Russell Road.

£3,500,000

freehold

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## Fabian Road Fulham Road SW6

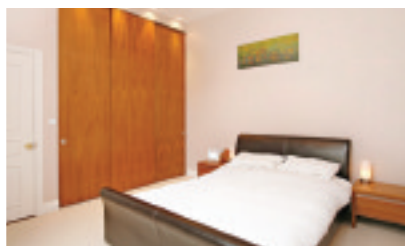
A delightful period family home arranged over 4 floors with a wealth of character throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, double reception room, WC/cloakroom & kitchen dining room leading out to a garden. There is exceptional storage space & a utility room on the lower ground floor. On the top floors are 4 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms & a charming roof terrace. The property is very well located close to Daves Road & within close proximity of Fulham Broadway with its many shops & amenities.

£850,000

freehold

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## North Audley Street Mayfair W1

This 2 double bedroom apartment located on the 3rd floor within a grand Mayfair period building has been refurbished to a very high contemporary standard. High ceilings throughout & features Sonos multi room sound system, Lutron lighting, Cat 5E cabling & air conditioning. Comprises reception room with 4 sash windows & oblique views towards Grosvenor Square, luxury kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite wetroom with underfloor heating, 2nd bedroom with en-suite bathroom, underfloor heating & built in bath TV.

£1,525,000

leasehold plus share of freehold

Mayfair

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## Milner Street SW3

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## Onslow Gardens SW7

£1,100 per week

Set on the 3rd floor of this exceptionally well maintained period conversion this charming 3 bedroom flat is bright & spacious. The flat offers excellent lateral space including 3 double bedrooms an elegant drawing room & a practical kitchen/breakfast room.

Chelsea

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## Bishops Road SW6

£845 per week

A charming & spacious family home in the heart of Parsons Green. Full of character, this house has been finished to a very high standard. Comprising large hallway, downstairs WC, double aspect reception area, large eat in kitchen leading out to a south facing garden, 3 double bedrooms & 2 modern bathrooms.

Fulham Road

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## Mustow Place SW6

£495 per week

A stunning 2 bedroom mews style house moments from the heart of Parsons Green, set back & in very good condition throughout. Comprising 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a modern contemporary style kitchen & a separate reception area which leads out to a roof terrace.

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## Guildhouse Street SW1

£800 per week

A vast lower duplex in a very central location. It has been attractively refurbished throughout & is unusually bright with 4 bedrooms. 2 bathrooms, shower room, small patio garden, reception room & a separate kitchen. Guildhouse Street is located behind Wilton Road & therefore very convenient for all local amenities.

Westminster & Pimlico

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## Denbigh Street SW1

£875 per week

This fabulous property comprises a whole house less the lower ground floor. A beautiful double reception room, separate kitchen, 3 double bedrooms including 2 large bedrooms both benefiting from large en-suite bathrooms with Jacuzzi bath, separate shower & his & her sinks. Further benefits include 2 roof terraces & a sauna.

Westminster & Pimlico

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## Argyll Road W8

£3,950 per week

A beautiful 5 bedroom period house situated in the heart of Kensington. Spacious family accommodation comprising drawing room, dining room, family room, conservatory area, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, 3 further double bedrooms including guest bedroom with en-suite & 2 further family bathrooms, utility room, cellar, study/nanny's room & front & rear gardens.

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## Lancaster Road, Notting Hill W11

£1,350 per week

A fabulous 4 bedroom family house. Entrance hallway, double reception room, modern kitchen, south facing terrace & garden. Spacious master bedroom with fabulous en-suite bathroom, 2 further double bedrooms, single bedroom, study/snug & family bathroom. Wood flooring throughout the majority of the house & also benefits from wonderful high ceilings.

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**Unmodernised Period House**

**Price: £13,000,000 Freehold**

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## Future forecast

Savills has released its forecasts for both the prime and mainstream UK housing markets for the period 2010 to 2015. "The price growth of 2009 has taken most market commentators by surprise and few, if any, expected demand from equity rich buyers to return so strongly and so quickly, particularly in the mainstream. It is the imbalance between low supply and high cash-driven demand that has driven prices upwards. In mainstream markets, therefore, conditions are currently far from normal," said Yolande Barnes, head of Savills Research.

Correspondingly, over the course of 2010 prices are expected to soften as pent up demand from cash-rich buyers will begin to be satisfied and stock shortages will ease. This could result in a brief period of headline-grabbing price falls – up to -6.6 per cent – around the mid-year point, with modest growth (+2.7 per cent) in 2011. However, the longer term prognosis is for a return to price growth in mainstream markets, with the average UK house price values expected to rise by 27 per cent over the period 2012-2015. This would leave the average UK house price just under £200,000, over 7.5 per cent higher than at the peak of the market towards the end of 2007.

The prime markets, broadly the top 5-10 per cent of property, are less mortgage reliant. Owners have a greater equity cushion and as a result these markets are less susceptible to the drag of a slow economic recovery. Therefore, whilst a small fall in values of 1 per cent is forecast next year, this is expected to be followed by a much earlier return to sustained price growth.

Jonathan Hewlett, head of the London region (pictured) commented: "The strength of London as a major global city has really been shown in the current global financial crisis. We have seen investors from all over the world wanting to invest in prime residential properties as they believe they will see both short- and long-term growth over the coming years."



### ► EATON TERRACE, SW1 £6.75m, freehold

**WHAT:** An elegant five-bedroom Belgravia town house

**WOW FACTOR:** The latest cooling, lighting, audio visual and security systems

**EXTRAS:** Reception hall, library, vaulted drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, media room, five bedrooms all en-suite, dressing room, homework room, walk-in store, wine cellar, utility room, cloakroom and walled garden

**DETAILS:** Savills, 020 7730 0822



### ▼ CHARLES STREET, W1 £30.5m, freehold

**WHAT:** A rarely available, unmodernised, wide fronted Grade-II listed mansion with garden and adjoining mews house

**WOW FACTOR:** Other than the sheer 18,837sqft of blank canvas, there is private garaging for three large cars.

**EXTRAS:** Features could include: 10 reception rooms, second floor dedicated to a master bedroom suite with two dressing rooms and bathrooms, two guest apartments, five further guest suites (10 bedrooms/10 bathrooms in total) family kitchen plus 'top of the house' kitchen, cinema, gym/swimming pool wine cellar and garden.

**DETAILS:** JSA Savills, 020 7730 0822 and Wetherell, 020 7529 5566



### ▼ ROYAL AVENUE, SW3 £4.75m, freehold

**WHAT:** A beautifully restored Grade-II listed Victorian house

**WOW FACTOR:** Interior designed by Joanna Wood, the first floor west-facing drawing room has two pairs of French windows leading onto a balcony overlooking Royal Avenue.

**EXTRAS:** Three bedroom, three reception rooms, three bathrooms and patio garden.

**DETAILS:** Savills 020 7730 0822



### ◀ AVENUE STUDIOS, SW3 £5.35m, leasehold

**WHAT:** A rarely available double studio house in a historic private complex

**WOW FACTOR:** The studio library with gallery above and impressive stone fireplace. The studio was originally built in 1850 for Baron Carlo Marochetti, who collaborated with Sir Edwin Landseer on the lions in Trafalgar Square.

**EXTRAS:** Dining room, drawing room artist's studio, kitchen, serving kitchen two bedrooms, two en-suite bathrooms, guest shower room, off-street parking.

**DETAILS:** Savills, 020 7581 5234

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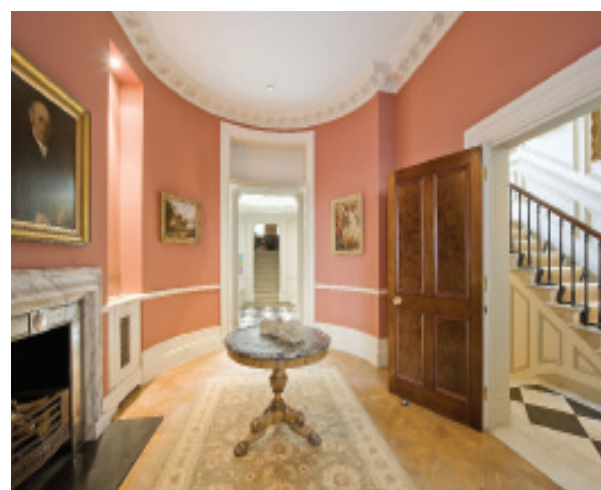
- entrance hall
- reception room
- dining room
- kitchen
- master bedroom suite
- second bedroom suite
- bedroom 3/study
- cloakroom
- balconies
- lift
- porter
- access to square gardens and tennis court (subject to annual fee)
- 216 sq m (2,325 sq ft)

Guide £2.25 million

A new 20 year lease will be granted







## Substantial and elegant Grade II listed period house

Chester Square, SW1

Drawing room ■ dining room ■ library/study ■ potential media room ■  
2 further reception rooms ■ ante room ■ kitchen/breakfast room ■  
master bedroom suite ■ 5 further bedrooms ■ 5 further bathrooms ■  
2 cloakrooms ■ utility room ■ roof terrace ■ communal gardens ■  
double garage ■ 591sq m (6,362 sq ft)

Guide £15.75 million Leasehold, approximately 85 years remaining

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**020 7730 4628**

**Savills Sloane Street**  
Noel De Keyzer  
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**020 7730 0822**





## Sensational, contemporary, fully extended prime Peterborough Estate

Chiddingstone Street, SW6

Double reception room ■ kitchen/dining room ■ 7 bedrooms ■ 3 bathrooms ■ shower room ■ cloakroom ■ family room ■ storage ■ garden ■ 331 sq m (3,565 sq ft)

Guide £3.35 million Freehold

Savills Fulham  
Justin Theobald  
jtheobald@savills.com  
020 7731 9400





## A unique, stunningly refurbished family home with secure off street parking

The Turret House, SW6

Drawing room ■ study ■ kitchen/dining/family room ■ play room/cinema room ■  
kitchenette/utility room ■ master bedroom suite ■ 5 further double bedrooms ■  
3 further bathrooms ■ 2 cloakrooms ■ garden ■ parking ■ 381 sq m (4,101 sq ft)

Savills Fulham  
Emma Stead  
estead@savills.com  
**020 7731 9400**

Guide £3.75 million Freehold





## An immaculately presented house with flexible entertaining space

Hurlingham Road, SW6

Reception room ■ kitchen/dining room ■ drawing room ■ master bedroom suite with dressing room ■ further bedroom ■ shower room ■ cloakroom ■ utility room ■ roof terrace ■ patio ■  
177 sq m (1,905 sq ft)

Guide £1.65 million Freehold

Savills Fulham  
Mark Wells  
mwells@savills.com  
020 7731 9400



## Stunning house beautifully refurbished with a west facing garden and garage

Rumbold Road, SW6

Double reception room ■ fully extended kitchen ■ master bedroom suite with dressing room and bathroom ■ 4 further bedrooms ■ 2 further bathrooms ■ cloakroom ■ garden ■ garage ■ 189 sq m (2,045 sq ft)

Guide £2 million Freehold

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## Beautifully presented, with well proportioned rooms in a prime Belgravia location Wilton Place SW1

3 reception rooms ■ large eat-in kitchen ■ 6 bedrooms ■ 6 bathrooms ■  
swimming pool ■ sauna ■ roof terrace ■ parking by separate arrangement ■  
419 sq m (4,510 sq ft)

£6,250 per week Unfurnished

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## GRAHAM TERRACE, SW1

A mid-terrace Victorian house recently refurbished to a very good standard with its own pretty paved garden.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £1,000 per week



## EATON MEWS NORTH, SW1

An extensively remodelled house in this cobbled mews between Sloane Square and Knightsbridge.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, 2 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £995 per week



## EBURY STREET, SW1

Recently refurbished lower ground floor flat cleverly designed and arranged over approx. 1,000 sq ft.

Bedroom, bathroom, 2 reception rooms, walk-in wardrobe.

Furnished £550 per week



## SLOANE SQUARE, SW1

A spacious flat in this portered building (with lift) on the edge of Sloane Square with its Underground Station, theatre, shops, restaurants and bar facilities.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £525 per week



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## PONT STREET, SW1

A superb 1<sup>st</sup> floor flat offering a double aspect living room with high ceilings. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Furnished £2,500 per week**



## CAROLINE PLACE, W2

Newly refurbished modern townhouse in a good location moments from Hyde Park. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Unfurnished £1,400 per week**



## CHEYNE ROW, SW3

An immaculate interior designed house providing excellent family accommodation with a contemporary feel. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms. **Furnished/Unfurnished £1,900 per week**



## BARK PLACE, W2

A well presented and neutrally decorated low-built modern family house. 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms. **Unfurnished £1,350 per week**



## ROYAL HOSPITAL ROAD, SW3

An excellent fully refurbished flat with high ceilings in a portered block. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms. **Unfurnished £1,600 per week**



## COPE PLACE, W8

Delightful period family house just south of Kensington High Street. 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, reception room. **Unfurnished £1,150 per week**

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## OLD BROMPTON ROAD, SW5

A ground and lower ground floor flat in very good order throughout. Reception with high ceilings, overlooking the patio garden.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished/Unfurnished £1,500 per week



## CRANMER COURT, SW3

A ground floor flat in this portered building, located between Sloane Avenue and Chelsea Green. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £875 per week



## COLLINGHAM GARDENS, SW5

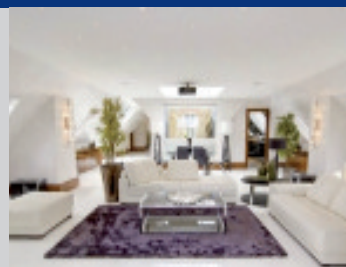
A ground and lower ground floor flat which is beautifully presented and in good order throughout. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished/Unfurnished £695 per week



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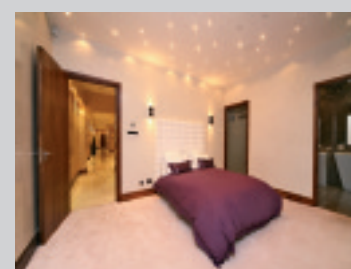
### Drayton Court, SW10

Two double bedroom penthouse  
apartment in Chelsea

£3,500,000 Leasehold

- Victorian conversion
- High quality finish
- Roof terrace off reception room
- Views of the London skyline
- Direct lift access
- South Kensington Underground

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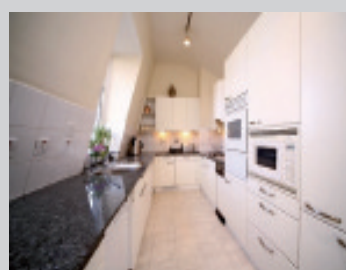
### Stanhope Gardens, SW7

Two double bedroom flat refurbished to a high  
standard near Gloucester Road

£2,150,000 Leasehold

- Victorian conversion
- Communal gardens
- Two bathrooms
- Professionally interior designed
- Lower ground floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

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### Chelsea Harbour, SW10

Four bedroom duplex within riverside  
development in Chelsea

£1,550,000 Leasehold

- Three bathrooms
- Two terraces
- Separate kitchen
- Two parking spaces
- Third & fourth floors
- Fulham Broadway Underground

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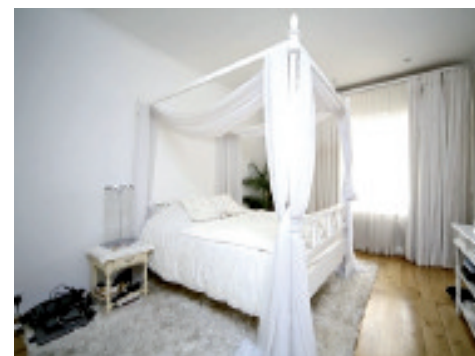
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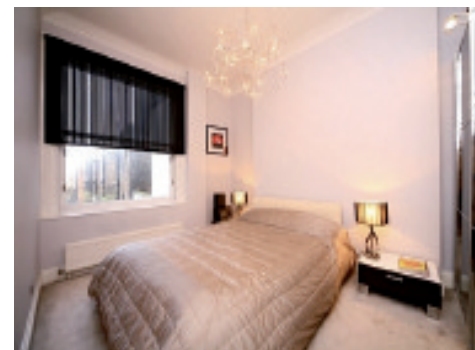
**Harcourt Terrace, SW10**  
Four double bedroom, three bathroom  
duplex with roof terrace in Chelsea

£1,395 p/w Unfurnished

- Living room with wood floors
- First & second floor of Victorian conversion
- Separate kitchen with dishwasher

- Three tiled bathrooms
- Decked roof terrace
- Earls Court Underground

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**Old Brompton Road, SW5**  
Contemporary two double bedroom flat  
with private balcony in Earls Court

£950 p/w Furnished

- Third floor of mansion building
- Lift access
- Wood floors

- Separate kitchen
- Limestone tiled bathroom
- Earls Court Underground

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## Roland Gardens, SW7

Two double bedroom, two bathroom  
second floor flat in South Kensington

£795 p/w Furnished

- Large living room with wood floors
- Master bedroom with fitted storage
- Separate modern kitchen

- Two bathrooms
- Second floor of conversion
- Gloucester Road Underground

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## Lower Sloane Street, SW3

Three bedroom duplex with a private  
balcony close to Sloane Square

£700 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Two bathrooms
- Living room with space for dining
- Third and fourth floors of a conversion

- Private terrace
- Separate kitchen with dishwasher
- Sloane Square Underground

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## Allestree Road, SW6

Four double bedroom house with a private garden in Munster Village

£750 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Double reception
- Separate kitchen and dining area
- Three bathrooms

- Recently refurbished
- House arranged over three floors
- Parsons Green Underground

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## Ashburn Gardens, SW7

One bedroom flat on raised ground floor of Victorian conversion near Gloucester Road

£495p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Living room with space for dining
- High ceilings
- Bedroom with full wall of fitted storage

- Open plan kitchen with dishwasher
- Bathroom with power shower over bath
- Gloucester Road Underground

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## Barclay Road, SW6

Two double bedroom, two bathroom flat with a private garden in Fulham Broadway

£495 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Bedrooms with high ceilings
- Separate kitchen
- Living room with a working fireplace
- Recently refurbished
- Lower ground floor Victorian conversion
- Fulham Broadway Underground

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## Ifield Road, SW10

Spacious first floor one double bedroom flat in Chelsea

£370 p/w Furnished

- Living room with wood floors
- Separate kitchen
- Bathroom with power shower over bath
- First floor of Victorian conversion
- Bedroom with fitted storage
- Earls Court Underground

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## Warwick Road, SW5

Newly refurbished studio flat in Earls Court

£250 p/w Furnished

- Wood floors
- Open plan kitchen with dishwasher
- Bathroom with power shower over bath
- Studio room with space for dining
- Lower ground floor
- Earls Court Underground

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**MARKET COMMENT:**  
**Andrew Phillips**  
**regional sales director**  
**Hamptons**

"The property market has bounced back to life after the sharp economic downturn and the climate for those wishing to sell is exceptional.

"Across our network of 85 offices, we have registered 79 per cent more buyers than at this point last year, whilst the stock of available property is down by 30 per cent. This backdrop has created a recent price surge and has enabled our vendors to achieve both quick and highly pleasing results.

"It is very unlikely that these extreme conditions will remain and we are therefore actively encouraging those thinking of selling in the medium-term to capitalise now before things change."

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▼ **Academy Gardens, W8**

£12.5m, leasehold

**WHAT:** One of the largest lateral apartments in this award-winning development, the 4,639sqft of lateral living includes four en suite bedrooms

**WOW FACTOR:** Quadruple aspect views over the communal gardens and Phillimore estate

**EXTRAS:** Reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, two dressing rooms, 24-hour security, concierge, underground parking and a swimming pool/gymnasium complex

**DETAILS:** Hamptons, 020 7937 9371



**Row, row, row your boat**

Hamptons International crew won the recent City of Oxford Royal Corporate Regatta. They rowed in three races of 500m against other Oxfordshire-based companies, winning the first race by a whisker, the second by half a length and the final was fought tooth and nail to see the team crowned champions. Congratulations!

**Water, water everywhere**

Another water-borne team from Hamptons raised £6,000 for The Prince's Trust and BLESMA in a charity canoe marathon. Thirteen volunteers from across the London offices completed a two-day, 39-mile, kayak marathon from Windsor to London, with the assistance of kayak specialist company, Thames River Adventures.

James Wardle, associate director of Hamptons International, said: "We paddled over two days with fabulous weather, stunning scenery and some extremely cold overnight camping. We all made it to Putney, despite finishing on a flooding tide, meaning a gruelling last three miles. We were delighted to complete the day with such a substantial amount of money raised for two fantastic causes."



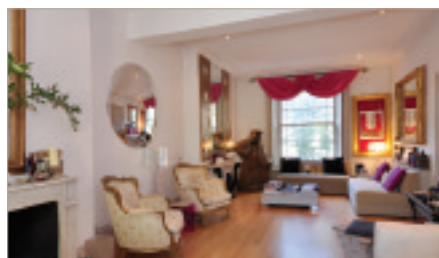
## Cheltenham Terrace, SW3 Furnished

A fantastic four double bedroom family home with three bathrooms just off the Kings Road. Stylishly redecorated and fitted with modern fixtures and fittings. The property also has the added benefit of a delightful west facing patio garden. Overlooking the Saatchi Gallery and the Duke of York Square this is an ideal Central London home that offers wonderful and flexible accommodation.

- 3 Large Reception Rooms
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms (2 Family, 1 Ensuite)
- Patio garden
- Modern fixtures & fittings
- Over looking the Duke of York Square

£2,950.00 per week.





## Edith Grove, SW10

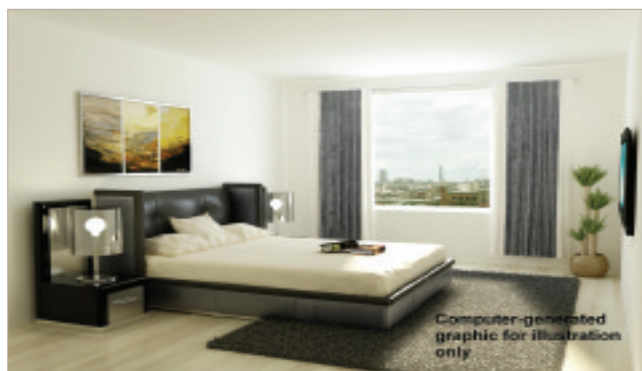
A beautiful and spacious Victorian freehold family house. The property comprises of five bedrooms, study/sixth bedroom, four bathrooms, double reception room with access to a roof terrace, a 20'10 x 11'6 master bedroom on the first floor. This property also offers a kitchen/dining room leading on to a 36' x 16' private rear garden, self contained studio flat on the lower ground floor, playroom/den at the top of the house and off street parking.

- 6 Bedrooms
- 4 bathrooms
- private rear garden
- 20'10 x 11'6 master bedroom
- 27'10 x 13'0 main reception room
- self contained studio flat
- roof terrace

£2,100,000 Freehold

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## St Johns House, Fulham Broadway, SW6

This exceptional period building, formerly a bank, is being imaginatively converted to create five superb apartments, each with high ceilings and copious natural light. Each apartment will feature highly specified modern kitchen and bathrooms and will offer state of the art sound and heat insulation creating highly unusual and desirable homes.

- High ceilings
- Well balanced accommodation
- Close to Fulham Broadway
- Excellent local shops and restaurants
- Some apartments with roof terraces
- Microsite [www.stjohnsfulham.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsfulham.co.uk)

£595,000 to £695,000

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## Iverna Gardens, W8

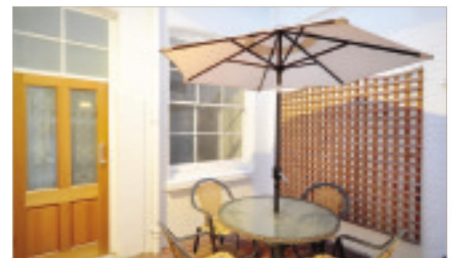
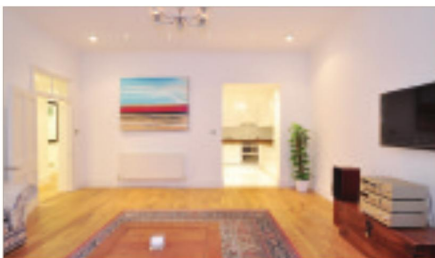
A superb two bedroom second floor apartment presented in excellent condition with a contemporary feel and has the added benefit of underground parking and views over the square garden from its own balcony.

- Reception room
- Kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Balcony
- Porter
- parking

£1,250,000 Leasehold

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## Queen's Gate, SW7

A very substantial lower ground floor apartment with three double bedrooms. This architect designed property has been attractively refurbished with very well proportioned flowing accommodation and particularly spacious reception rooms.

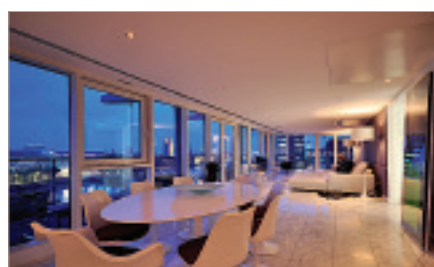
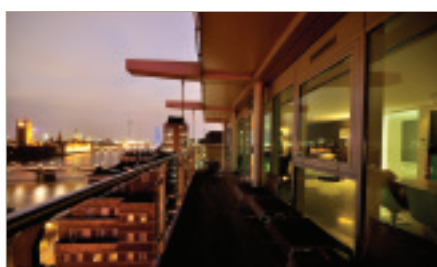
- Reception Room/Kitchen
- Dining Room
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- En Suite Shower Room
- Separate Bathroom
- Guest Cloakroom
- Patio

£1,595,000  
Share of Freehold

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## Albert Embankment, SE1

A breathtaking eleventh floor three bedroom, three bathroom sub penthouse apartment with arguably some of the finest river views in central London looking directly across the river to the Houses of Parliament and the West End and beyond.

- Reception Room/Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms (2 En-Suite)
- Cloakroom
- Balcony, Lift, Porter
- Parking, Waterfront views

£2,500,000 Leasehold

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## Haydens Place, W11

An architect designed house set within an exclusive gated development off Portobello Road offering 2200 sq ft of lateral accommodation across two floors with direct access to a serene communal garden. The property also benefits from a private patio and roof terrace as well as covered off-street parking.

- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 2 Bathrooms (1 en suite)
- Roof Terrace
- Private Parking

£2,550,000  
Freehold

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# Scouting around

Wait for your dream home to find you thanks to The Property Scout



Ben Bloomfield

**A** revolution of sorts kicked off when prospective buyers could log on to property websites and hunt for property to buy in the capital. Using the sites as a research tool to see what was available and then getting in touch with estate agents was a terrific idea.

No matter how helpful property websites can be, the system doesn't always deliver – especially for those with very little time to spend trawling endless lists of properties. Ben Bloomfield, a 29-year-old property developer, discovered just how frustrating it can be to find your dream property via a website.

His solution? He has started up a new website called [www.ThePropertyScout.com](http://www.ThePropertyScout.com) that rather cleverly matches buyers' and tenants' requests to the right property.

"Due to the downturn, I had to downsize to a smaller flat and spent hours and hours waiting for the right property to come on to property websites. I would call agents to say I was keen on something to find it had sold, or been taken off the market. It was really

annoying and I thought there had to be an easier way. I really wanted someone else to do the work for me," explains Bloomfield.

When buyers and tenants need to find somewhere to live, they register on [www.ThePropertyScout.com](http://www.ThePropertyScout.com) (there is no charge) and fill in a simple form stating exactly what they are searching for. The good news is they are not besieged by agents with property in Knightsbridge when they really want to live in Notting Hill, and aren't sent shiny new apartments when they said they were after period conversions. Only those properties that closely match their details are forwarded to them.

"If someone wants to be on a quiet road that isn't next to a bus stop, but is near a certain school, this information is noted and particulars of just those sorts of properties that tally are sent on. Once you've registered your requirements you just sit back and let the corresponding properties come to you," points out Bloomfield.

[www.ThePropertyScout.com](http://www.ThePropertyScout.com) acts as a kind of online house finder, quickly filtering

and narrowing down the right options and no one is sent any 'spam' as agents never get the buyers' details. The service will launch in the SW7, SW3, SW5 and SW10 London postcode areas; and if successful, will roll out everywhere in the UK.

You can be as specific as you want – "I want to live in Ovington Gardens" – or list the top five must-have features, such as a first-floor flat, long leasehold, parking, garden and only a 10-minute walk to the closest tube station.

While continuing with some of his top-end development schemes, including a new project in Cornwall, Bloomfield admits that through The Property Scout, he has discovered his "inner geek."

"I have always been fascinated by the Internet and think this is a great new idea that will save house-hunters a lot of time and effort. The Property Scout should make life easier for people wanting to find a good place to live."

**The Property Scout**  
[www.thepropertyscout.com](http://www.thepropertyscout.com)

[www.faronsutaria.co.uk](http://www.faronsutaria.co.uk)

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**THE MANSIONS, OLD BROMPTON ROAD SW5 £1,100,000**

Excellent location, a spacious 4 double bedroom family apartment requiring modernisation situated in a Period mansion block.

- Huge rooms
- South facing reception room
- Period building
- 1680 square feet
- Requiring modernisation
- Central location

Leasehold £1,100,000 Earls Court Sales 020 7835 1577



**REDCLIFFE GARDENS SW10 £795,000**

A beautifully presented, superb and classically proportioned first floor apartment in a converted pillar fronted building.

- First floor
- Share of Freehold
- 912 sq ft
- 2 Bedrooms
- En suite bathroom
- Shower room

Share of Freehold £795,000 Earls Court Sales 020 7835 1577



**KNARESBOROUGH PLACE/CROMWELL ROAD SW5 £650,000**

A very stylish interior designer's flat full of character and charm whilst being quietly situated in central London.

- Reception to garden
- Dining room
- 2 bedrooms
- Study
- Garden
- 1040 square feet

Leasehold £650,000 Earls Court Sales 020 7835 1577



**COURTFIELD GARDENS SW5 £550,000**

A bright and beautifully presented 2 bedroom property with a lovely south facing roof terrace.

- Fabulous location
- Bright accommodation
- Beautifully presented
- 17ft reception room
- Roof terrace
- Period building

Leasehold £550,000 Earls Court Sales 020 7835 1577

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Freehold. £3,250,000 Fulham and Parsons Green Office 020 7610 2080

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**PALACE PLACE MANSIONS, 36 KENSINGTON COURT LONDON, W8**

A stunning example of contemporary London living. This glorious first floor apartment sits on a secluded street just off High Street Kensington.

- Grand master suite
- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- First floor with a lift
- Beautifully presented
- Share of Freehold

Share of Freehold. £1,600,000. South Kensington and Chelsea Office 020 7590 0300



**DE VERE GARDENS LONDON, W8**

A spectacular lateral apartment occupying the second floor of a lovely building located within moments of Hyde Park and High Street Kensington.

- Three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Immaculate condition
- Wonderful living space
- Freehold

Freehold. £2,000,000. South Kensington and Chelsea Office 020 7590 0300



**QUEENS GATE LONDON, SW7**

An outstanding apartment cleverly designed and impeccably finished, located on the prestigious Queen's Gate.

- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Two bathrooms
- Fabulously presented
- Patio area
- Share of Freehold

Share of Freehold. £1,595,000. South Kensington and Chelsea Office 020 7590 0300



**MANSON MEWS LONDON, SW7**

A charming mews house tucked away at the end of cobbled mews just off Queen's Gate, in South Kensington.

- Three bedrooms
- Three En-suite bathrooms
- Balcony
- Sought after Kensington location
- Separate Kitchen
- Leasehold

Leasehold. £975,000. South Kensington and Chelsea Office 020 7590 0300

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# MARKET COMMENT: Ed Mead director, Douglas & Gordon

"2009 was very kind to D&G, it was a sort of perfect storm. Middle ranking buyers with jobs could, and were, buying middle ranking houses and flats, and that's what we do, successfully enough to give us over 12 per cent of our market. Low rates have helped but aren't the answer as the Japanese will tell you. As of December 2009 asking prices were actually higher than they were at peak 07/08 with selling prices over 10 per cent down. But that's an average and hides the fact that despite some good property selling at over best peak prices many properties are often barely selling at any price and with volumes down over 50 per cent there's still trouble ahead. Sellers thinking that we are at the beginning of a bull run and waiting to get a better price are in for something of shock I fear and, with a change of government for the better, buyers should perhaps chance their arm sooner than later. With the immediate future looking anaemic, banks continuing not to lend and large companies and small countries teetering, we'll be cautious along with everyone else, but luckily we live in a massively resilient city."

**dng.co.uk**



## ▼ CHELSEA MANOR STREET SW3 £2.25m, freehold WHAT:

A three-bedroom modern town house in the heart of Chelsea

### WOW FACTOR:

A private garage in SW3 and the sleek modern finish

### EXTRAS:

Three bathrooms, kitchen/breakfast room reception, cloakroom

**DETAILS:** Chesterton  
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## Hot news

Lurot Brand's sales director, Oliver Lurot reflects on the year past: "It has been quite a year for the central London property market and the press is still awash with uncertainty about it. One moment we are being told that prices will fall again next year when we experience a 'double dip' and the next, all is well in the world and the property market is climbing fast. Whilst none of these opinions should be ignored, sitting in our microcosm of mews specialisation, we are quietly confident.

"A lot of houses that we have been selling recently have been achieving good prices and even though the recent recession is supposed to have cleared out all but the most hardy of developers, unmodernised mews houses still

seem to be achieving a relative premium. We have just exchanged contracts on a dead house in Holland Park Mews for almost as much as a modernised house recently sold for.

"Pictured is our first batch of Lurot Brand 'Mewsopoly'. As a thank you for using our services, we will be giving a personalised Mewsopoly to all our buyers with the most expensive spot being named after the mews that they have just bought."

**Lurotbrand.co.uk**



## Security matters

Chard's lettings offices in west London have noticed a trend amongst corporate clients towards pied à terres within secure, purpose-built buildings with porters and other on-site facilities.

"It's all about convenience," according to Chard South Kensington lettings manager Richard Saltmer: "A few years ago it was high-ceilinged conversions that wooed most corporate tenants, now location and convenience are the new must haves. Corporate tenants want purpose-built buildings with lifts and porters in prime locations – and they are happy to pay for the privilege."

Take this one-bedroom flat in Vestry Court, SW1 marketed by Chard's lettings team in Pimlico and Belgravia for £450 per week. "We had six eager prospective tenants lined up to view and let it the same day we were instructed" reports Saltmer. Facilities include off street parking, porter and on-site swimming pool (pictured).

**Chard, 020 7821 6999**



# AGENT SPEAKS

Adam Stackhouse, head of development investments at Marsh & Parsons

As we get out of the starting blocks for 2010 we face the traditional quandary for the London residential property sector – how will the market behave this year? Like many people, I have spent several hours over Christmas trawling through the mass of reports by a range of well-informed market analysts, and after 16 years of attempting to ‘read the market’ I now adopt a very different view.

I am interested in history, trends and macroeconomics. Perhaps on an island as small as the UK and in a city as desirable as London with the Olympics in two years’ time, something as basic as supply and demand might be a good place to focus our minds. Surely the major interest remains in the value of our own properties, combined with the values that the banks will place upon them...?

However, the question of “how much have I lost on residential property?” should now be confined to history. Prices achieved in 2007 also fall into this category. The hard fact from over the last century remains: London property

generally tends to double in value every 14 years, and with increased life expectancy, I view this as a clear ‘buy’ opportunity.

Focusing the minds of house builders, institutional investors and lenders is the job of those in developments and investments. After all, they influence the overall supply of property. With a healthy number of fully consented residential sites that are not being built fast enough and a limited range of investment stock that far exceeds anything you could do with the money at the bank, we are left in a difficult position – nothing to sell!

After at least a decade of acquisition for individual clients, funds and family trusts,

**London property generally tends to double in value every 14 years**

and with the market offering levels of stability unseen for some two years, I am now being asked to provide well balanced and thoughtful exit strategies. Analysis as to why some properties have done brilliantly (more than doubled in 14 years) and others have simply done well (up 70 per cent over the same time period) really does provide data to be aware of. Historically, those with low debt servicing facilities have asked us to secure the stock that generates the greatest cash flow, enabling them to pay off the debt at a faster rate. Equally, lower levels of yield, predominantly in a prime central London location, still carry finance but merely as a very small proportion of their dramatic drive upwards in capital values.

Many residential funds are in the throes of being set-up to capitalise on the market. The truth is that those investing are more risk-averse than before. This, when combined with the likelihood that government-sponsored schemes to provide increased first-time buyer opportunities will inevitably take place in the suburbs due to lower land values, will simply drive the investors back into central London where yields may be lower but profits overall are usually greater. If I have learnt one thing with my investment strategy over the years, it is that an area of very strong rental demand that combines the best of the local market with those drawn to London from overseas will perform well.

Like many agents in central London I am left seeking out the stock. It’s no surprise then that the best deals we have done are when we have thought laterally and put our clients into a buying opportunity ahead of everyone else. Often this is the stock that is not apparently ‘for sale’ – it just requires a gentle push at the door, and the better opportunities tend to make themselves known. Building up a reputation for this type of business isn’t easy but delivering a strong, reliable investment strategy to clients ensures they stick to you like glue!

So, if one analyst predicts that the market will come down by six per cent and another forecasts a four per cent increase, can we really be sure? The margins that they are calling are so incredibly fine that I would urge those who are able to move or invest to work carefully with the market. Identify great value and act quickly. ■

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## Hans Place, SW1

£4,250 p.w | Unfurnished

A newly refurbished immaculate six bedroom family house with lift, situated in the heart of Knightsbridge. Every attention to detail has been paid to produce flexible accommodation over six floors (+3,000 sq ft). The Landlord is willing to furnish the property for £5,200 pw.

Entrance hall, Reception room, Dining room, Kitchen, Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, Separate shower and dressing room, Three further double bedrooms, Single bedroom, Two bathrooms & one shower room, Study/ single bedroom, Utility room, Patio, Intercom system.

Belgravia Office 020 7235 8861



## Milner Street, SW3

£1,395 p.w | Furnished

A spacious (812 sq ft / 75.44 sq m) second floor apartment situated in this elegant period building. The property has been refurbished and neutrally decorated to a very high standard. It is conveniently located within walking distance of both Sloane Square and South Kensington.

Double reception room, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Two bathrooms.

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## Eaton Square, SW1W

£2,000,000 | Leasehold Approx. 25 Years

This first floor apartment boasts beautiful views over the gardens and tennis courts of Eaton Square, it is the perfect pied-à-terre. The highlight of this property is an elegant 26' reception room with ornate cornicing, striking marble gas fireplace, portico terrace and magnificent French doors. Further accommodation comprises master bedroom with en suite bathroom, occasional second bedroom/study/dressing room, guest shower room, fully fitted kitchen, various fitted cupboards and a walk-in storage room. Eaton Square is commonly considered to be the best address in London, with its central location close to a variety of shops, restaurants, theatres and transport links of Sloane Square, Knightsbridge, Mayfair and the West End.

The current owner qualifies for a lease extension and, subject to negotiation, will serve notice on the freeholder on the incumbent purchaser's behalf.

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**Typical client:** British and International professionals who are looking for an exemplary service with professional advice.

**Area covered:** Prime Central London

**Additional services:** Whatever is required to ensure a smooth transaction.

**Fastest find:** One morning.

**Most challenging request:** One property with two entrances two addresses, large garage and in a quiet location.

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**Area covered:** London

**Additional services:** Savills Corporate Liaison Services offers a complimentary homesearch to tenants not using a professional relocation agent. Although lettings is their primary focus they have the extensive range of Savills departments at their disposal and have referred business to the International, Country Houses, Buying, Commercial and Sales departments.

**Fastest find:** Most new arrivals have no idea where they want to live so orientation can take a day or two. Then searching in the chosen area takes another couple of days.

**Most challenging request:** Moving home is stressful so the challenge is to ease the process and make it an enjoyable experience.

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**Head of agency:** Louise Crichton

**Typical client:** Louise Crichton Property Search has acted since 1998 for a diverse range of UK and overseas clients, typified by their need for professional, yet personalised, assistance with all aspects the search and acquisition of a suitable property.

**Area covered:** Central London plus select A3/M3/M4 corridor locations.

**Additional services:** Louise Crichton Property Search offers a comprehensive service that is fully tailored to the needs of each individual client with any additional services required from associated professionals sourced via established contacts.

**Fastest find:** A successful search is not purely a function of speed. The reality of property search work more often requires persistence, tenacity and determination to keep going until the right property is found, whatever the market conditions.

**Most challenging request:** Impossible to select only one as each and every search presents its' own set of challenges.

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## PROPERTY LOGIC

**Head of Agency:** Guy Morton

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**Area covered:** Prime Central, North West, West and South West London

**Additional services:** Advising buyers on the strengths and weaknesses of properties, obtaining them before they come onto the open market, and identifying problems which affect the purchase price, for our clients and not the speed at which it is done.

**Fastest find:** In today's changing market it is about securing the right property at the right price, for our clients and not the speed at which it is done.

**Most challenging request:** Sourcing good properties at the right price. There is a shortage of stock on the market, we are seeing prices rise, with good properties going to 'best bids'. The key is to secure the best properties for our clients.

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#### JOHNNY TURNBULL PROPERTY

**Head of agency:** Johnny Turnbull

**Typical client:** Most often from finance, industrialists, entrepreneurs, the music and media sectors, and all across a broad age range. The typical characteristics seem to be success, high expectations and the appreciation of the need for a highly discreet and personal service with a wealth of experience and essential contacts.

**Area covered:** Kensington & Chelsea, Notting Hill, Knightsbridge, Mayfair, Belgravia, West End, Regent's Park, St John's Wood and Hampstead. Also exceptional country houses and estates.

**Additional services:** For the purposes of discretion and efficiency we will 'manage' a handful of sales in an 'off-market' capacity working with suitable sales agents. Interior design has also proven to be essential in tailoring property to the exacting standards demanded at this end of the market.

**Fastest find:** Ability and willingness to act with speed can be critical but not more than detailed information gathering and a preparedness to delay commitment if in the client's interests.

**Most challenging request:** Finding exceptional and uncompromised property is always challenging.

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#### MARSH & PARSONS

**Head of agency:** Matthew Salvidge

**Typical client:** International mobility managers, executives being relocated and professionals moving privately including graduates.

**Area covered:** Central, west and south London

**Additional services:** Advice and support through all aspects of finding, living in and leaving a property.

**Fastest find:** Short lets (up to six months) generally have the quickest turn around and we've had several same-day move-ins. The communication and internal relationships within Marsh & Parsons means that we can make things happen very quickly, whilst maintaining an excellent service.

**Most challenging request:** Often the most demanding but fun requests are from production/television companies who require properties for both filming and accommodation. They usually have incredibly specific requirements! However, seeing what you've sourced on the television is very satisfying.

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#### JOHN CRICHTON PROPERTY

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**Area covered:** Prime central and south west London.

**Additional services:** Our clients are too busy to do this process on their own, hence their need for us. We provide a full service starting with a comprehensive brief followed by an extensive preview of properties on their behalf. We then advise, negotiate and handhold right through to exchange. We are then there to help with completion matters and recommend all the different tradesmen our clients may need. Once a client always a client and we are with them for years to come for advice.

**Fastest find:** One afternoon

**Most challenging request:** To perform on behalf of a client who was given a 24-hour deadline to exchange. Done!

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**Head of agency:** Louisa Brodie and Samantha Crammond

**Typical client:** Wide ranging, from local end-users, to high-net worth individuals requiring discretion, often overseas-based looking to save both time and money, to clients looking for investment properties.

**Area covered:** Prime central, south west and west London

**Additional services:** We liaise with solicitors and surveyors, and can provide a comprehensive service to include letting, management, interior design, full project management, insurance and financial advice.

**Fastest find:** Our priority is to ensure our clients' time is not wasted and their expectations realised, so speed is not necessarily the most important. A client was shown a property in SW7 on a Monday, and did an attended exchange on the Wednesday.

**Most challenging request:** Managing a Hong Kong based client's expectations and turning the full circle with what they wanted to buy – we started looking for three-bedroom flats at £3m, then lateral flats at £6m and ended up buying a house for £4m!

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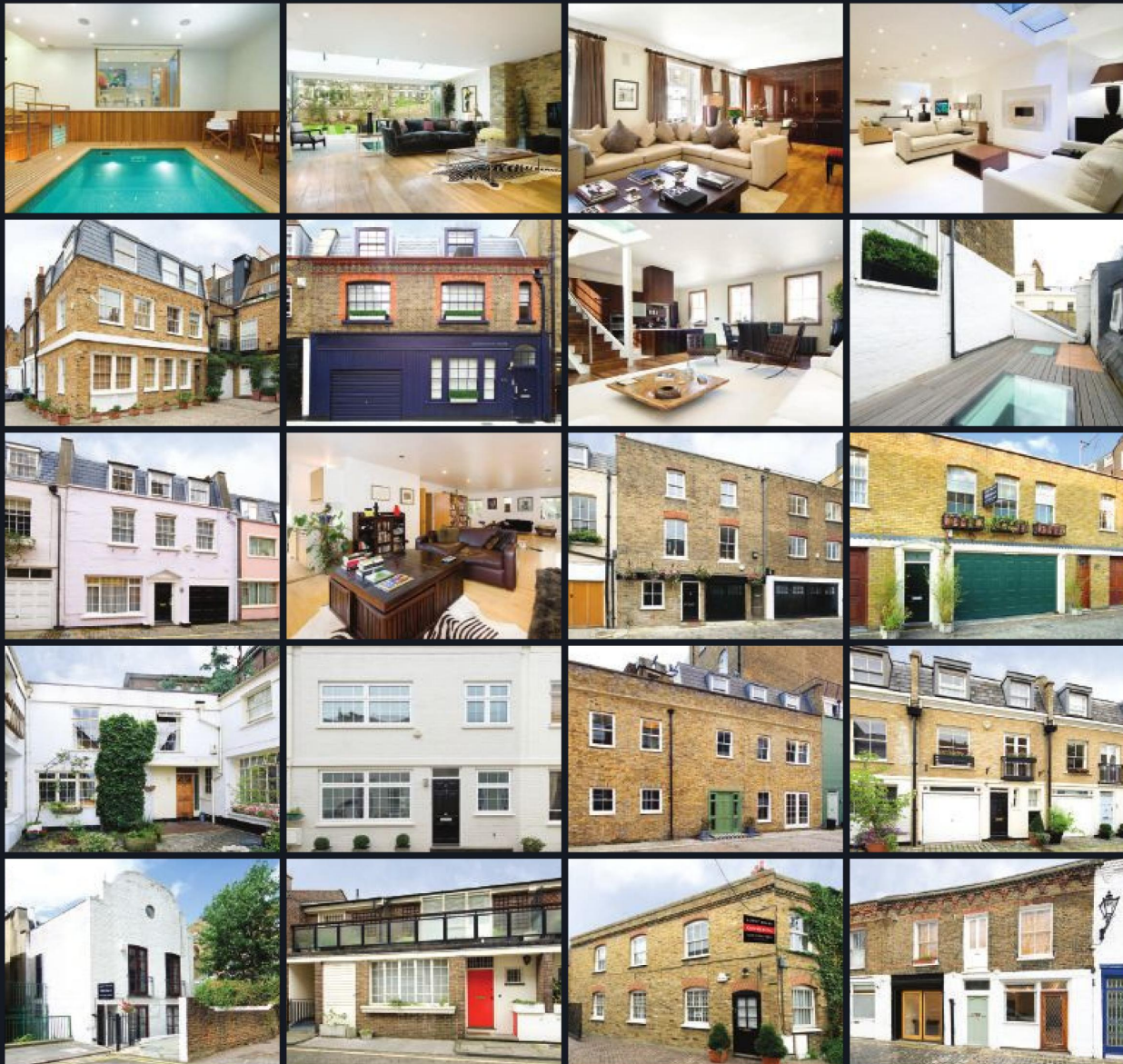
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## Trevor Square, Knightsbridge SW7

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An elegant 2<sup>nd</sup> floor flat with views over the Square Gardens.  
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recep • Use of Square Gardens  
£1100 per week furnished



## Harrods Court, Knightsbridge SW3

166 sq m / 1782 sq ft

A well designed contemporary apartment on the first floor of this secure gated development. Discreetly tucked away in the heart of Knightsbridge yet close to renowned shops and restaurants and a short walk to Hyde Park.

Entrance Hall • Reception room/Dining room • Kitchen • Utility room • Master Bedroom with Dressing room and en suite Bathroom • Bedroom 2 with en suite Bathroom • Guest Cloakroom • Separate Storage room • 24 hour Concierge • Secure Parking Space with Valet Parking

Share of Freehold £3,150,000  
or £1950 per week Furnished



## Herbert Crescent, Knightsbridge SW1

A very stylish and contemporary top floor flat on the third and fourth floors of this smart building in the very heart of Knightsbridge.

Reception room • Dining room • Kitchen • 2 Double Bedrooms • Bathroom with shower • Shower room • Study on 4th floor • Air conditioning • Under floor heating in bathrooms

Share of Freehold £1,650,000  
or £1000 per week Furnished





► **GREEN STREET, W1**  
**£2,350pw**

**furnished/unfurnished**

**WHAT:** A three-bedroom maisonette of 1,948sqft in a smart Victorian conversion.

**WOW FACTOR:** The spacious entertaining space with vast ceiling heights and full-height sash windows.

**EXTRAS:** Two receptions kitchen/dining room, two bathrooms mezzanine study area and guest cloakroom.

**DETAILS:** Chesterton Humberts  
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▼ **CONNAUGHT SQUARE, W2**  
**£3,25m, freehold**

**WHAT:** A well presented five-bedroom town house on an exclusive garden square.

**WOW FACTOR:** The independent lower-ground floor apartment and in the main house, the first-floor drawing room with views over the garden square.

**EXTRAS:** Main house: five bedrooms, two receptions rooms, kitchen, three bathrooms, utility room and terrace.

Separate apartment: reception, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, storage and patio.

**DETAILS:** Marsh & Parsons  
020 7368 4848



▲ **CADOGAN PLACE, SW1**  
**POA, freehold**

**WHAT:** A magnificent grade-II listed house over six floors, restored and refurbished retaining important original features.

**WOW FACTOR:** The basement swimming pool, steam room, gym and cinema complex. The house also benefits from use of Cadogan Place Gardens and tennis courts (subject to application to Cadogan Estate).

**EXTRAS:** Entrance hall, reception hall, drawing room, dining room, family room, library, cinema room, master bedroom suite with two dressing rooms and ensuite bathroom, four further bedrooms all en suite, two guest cloakrooms, staff accommodation, laundry, four terraces and separate garaging for three to four cars

**DETAILS:** Beauchamp Estates, 020 7499 7722.  
JSA Savills



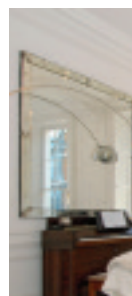
► **CHAPEL STREET, SW1**  
**£4.45m, freehold**

**WHAT:** A newly refurbished five-bedroom house located just off Belgrave Square.

**WOW FACTOR:** The sleek white design to all the well proportioned rooms.

**EXTRAS:** Three reception rooms, three bathrooms, study cloakroom, conservatory, patio and balcony.

**DETAILS:** Strutt & Parker  
020 7235 9959



◀ **KNIGHTSBRIDGE GREEN, SW1**  
**£900pw, unfurnished**

**WHAT:** Warehouse living in the heart of Knightsbridge

**WOW FACTOR:** The vast cathedral-like barrel ceiling in the reception room.

**EXTRAS:** Two double bedrooms both with en suite bathrooms, reception room, open-plan kitchen, cloakroom and porter.

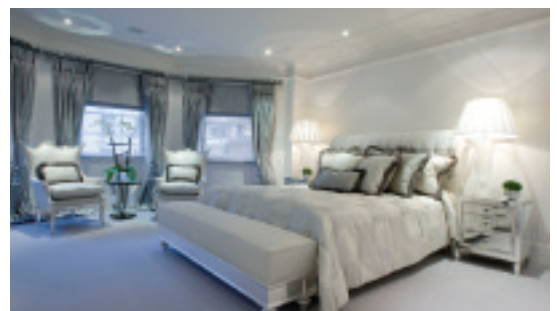
**DETAILS:** Knight Frank, 020 7591 8601



## BICKENHALL MANSIONS, W1

A bright south facing, newly refurbished apartment, with high ceilings and wooden floors in Marylebone. Comprising two lovely reception rooms and two luxury bedrooms both ensuite. It is situated on the first floor of a purpose built with 24 hour security.

**£1,950,000 Share of Freehold**



## SOUTH AUDLEY STREET, W1

A stunningly interior designed 5 bed, 3 reception room house extending to approx 4,200 sq ft in the heart of Mayfair and very close to Hyde Park. Fully refurbished yet retaining many architectural features including a lift.

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► **EATON MEWS SOUTH, SW1**  
**£1,700pw, UN/PART/FURNISHED**

**WHAT:** An elegant family house in a prime Belgravia mews

**WOW FACTOR:** A private garage *and* parking space

**EXTRAS:** Reception, kitchen, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, two double bedrooms, shower room, cloakroom, single bedroom, utility room and room for a maid's living area and second kitchen.

**DETAILS:** Lurot Brand, 020 7590 9955



▼ **HARRODS COURT, BROMPTON PLACE, SW3**  
**£3.15m, share of freehold or £1,950pw furnished**

**WHAT:** A well designed contemporary apartment on the first floor of this gated development.

**WOW FACTOR:** Secure parking space with valet parking

**EXTRAS:** Reception room/dining room, kitchen, utility room, master bedroom suite with dressing room and en suite bathroom, second bedroom with en suite bathroom, guest cloakroom, storage room and 24-hour concierge

**DETAILS:** Patterson Bowe  
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▼ **VICTORIA GARDENS, W11**  
**£1.8m, freehold**

**WHAT:** A well presented, four bedroom flat-fronted Victorian house in central Notting Hill

**WOW FACTOR:** The sociable reception space including an elegant double reception room and large kitchen/dining room all on the ground floor.

**EXTRAS:** Private garden

**DETAILS:** Marsh & Parsons, 020 7313 2890



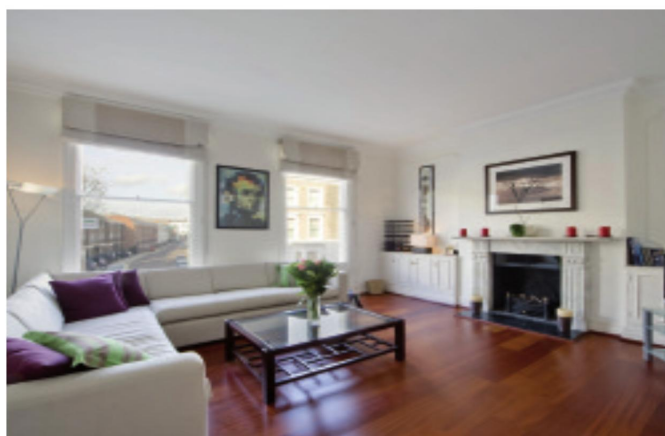
◄ **REDESDALE STREET, SW3**  
**£1.6m, leasehold/ share of freehold**

**WHAT:** A three bedroom, first- and second-floor maisonette south of the King's Road

**WOW FACTOR:** The south east-facing roof terrace

**EXTRAS:** Three bathrooms kitchen/breakfast room and reception room.

**DETAILS:** WA Ellis  
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# The Penthouse

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**Ashbourne Road, SE22 £775,000**

An immaculately presented 4 bedroom semi-detached Victorian house in a sought after road in East Dulwich. The property is just a few minutes walk to East Dulwich station, Lordship lanes shops and restaurants. Three large receptions and four double bedrooms. The large loft bedroom has great views and could be converted into two double bedrooms.

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**Berrymead Gardens, W3 £419,950**

An absolutely stunning three bedroom flat arranged over two floors & brought to the market in excellent condition. Comprising a 16ft open plan reception room with fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, 1 en-suite shower room to the master bedroom and a separate 3pc bathroom. Further benefits include a lovely roof terrace.

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**Friars Way, W3 £725,000**

A unique four bedroom house with an additional 1 bedroom flat & a studio flat located within the confinement of this property. This house has loft potential for investment and comprises a 14ft reception room, separate kitchen and dining room & a 98ft private garden. Freehold.

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**Munster Road, SW6 £975,000**

A stunning four double bedroom family home, arranged over three floors of an attractive period property. Offering spacious accommodation throughout, including a bright double reception room, recently fitted kitchen / breakfast room with doors leading onto 34'5 garden, family bathroom and en suite shower room. Freehold.

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**Greswell Street, SW6 £525,000**

A fantastic two bedroom ground floor garden flat. The property is beautifully presented throughout and benefits from an open plan kitchen / reception room, which is an ideal entertaining space, dining room with doors leading onto a 47'1ft private garden, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Leasehold.

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**Welbeck Court, W14 £470,000**

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**Lakeside Road, W14 £335,000**

A two bedroom flat located in the popular Brook Green area.

The property comprises open plan kitchen reception, one double bedroom, bedroom and bathroom. Additional benefits include excellent access to Shepherds Bush Underground and Westfield Shopping Centre. Leasehold.

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**Victoria Rise, SW4 £369,950**

A delightful one bedroom raised ground floor flat converted within an impressive semi-detached Victorian house off Clapham Common. The property is presented in immaculate condition and has some fine original features. Situated within reach of both Clapham Common Underground station and Clapham Junction BR station; and local shops and bars.

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**Harbut Road, SW11 £374,995**

An attractive two bedroom split level top floor flat converted within a Victorian terraced house. The property has a contemporary kitchen & bathroom, a light living room and a long lease. Situated within easy reach of Clapham Junction Mainline station, and excellent shops, bars and restaurants.

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## HANS PLACE, SW1

A smartly presented lateral apartment positioned on the third floor of a pair of houses that features a double reception room of some 31 feet with views towards the gardens of Hans Place.

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£2,250,000

- \* Double reception room
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- \* Master bedroom with en suite bathroom
- \* Bedroom with en suite shower room
- \* Direct lift access
- \* Air conditioning
- \* Bang & Olufsen music system throughout
- \* Use of the communal gardens (by separate arrangement)



ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

Fabulous first floor refurbished apartment which has been remodelled to create a much larger reception with wood floors, located within easy reach of the King's Road and Fulham Road. The property has been redesigned in a contemporary style having oak wood floors throughout and two large double bedrooms with excellent storage. The bright double reception room is west facing and has double doors onto a small balcony. Highly recommended.

£900 per week

Furnished



MARGARETTA TERRACE, SW3

This superb three bedroom Chelsea house features an excellent reception room leading onto a well designed kitchen/dining room. Both bathrooms are of a high quality and the master bedroom has plenty of cupboards. There is also a sunny roof terrace and a good sized secluded front garden. This house lends itself perfectly for entertaining as well as family living. Highly recommended.

£1900 per week

Unfurnished



THE BROMPTONS, SW7

A fabulous three bedroom first floor apartment has become available in this extremely popular portered block close to South Kensington. The property has been very well designed with a large double reception room leading from the spacious dining hall. The bedrooms and bathrooms are well designed and there is plenty of storage provided. This development benefits from a gym, swimming pool, communal gardens as well as underground parking.

£2450 per week

Unfurnished



BLOOMFIELD TERRACE, SW1

This newly refurbished terraced house has a good sized first floor reception room leading onto a private decked terrace. There are three bedrooms and a study in the upper part of the house and the basement has a bedroom, kitchenette, bathroom and utility room making it ideal for staff or teenage flat. Conveniently situated close to Sloane Square and the shops and restaurants of Pimlico Green.

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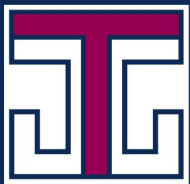
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Egerton Gardens,  
Knightsbridge, SW3

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A spacious and well presented apartment on the raised ground floor of a smart converted period house in one of London's most admired residential addresses. Recently refurbished throughout, the flat has attractive parquet flooring, and elegant reception room and direct access to the communal gardens from one of the bedrooms. The international retail and restaurant facilities of Knightsbridge are within close walking distance. Part Furnished. Tube: Knightsbridge

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## A wonderful five bedroom freehold house Courtnell Street W2 £2,695,000

A beautifully presented house moments from Westbourne Grove and Ledbury Road. This recently refurbished property provides a well proportioned, stylish interior that includes a double reception room that interconnects with a kitchen/dining room which leads onto the westerly garden. Bedroom accommodation includes a master suite with a luxurious bathroom, four double bedrooms served by a further bathroom. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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A luxurious Grade II listed house close to Holland Park

**St. Anns Villas W11 £2,695,000**

An elegant, end of terrace, stucco fronted house located close to Holland Park Avenue. The property offers grand reception space over two floors, including an eat-in kitchen, utility room, dining room and double reception room leading to a roof terrace. The bedroom accommodation includes an en suite master bedroom, four further bedrooms and two bathrooms. Garden and off street parking. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## An attractive Victorian house in central Notting Hill

### Victoria Gardens W11 £1,800,000

The great interconnecting reception space in this beautiful property features an elegant double reception room and a large kitchen dining room all at the ground floor level. The bedroom accommodation includes a large master suite, two further double bedrooms served by a large bathroom, plus a further single bedroom. Victoria Gardens is a residential road in the heart of Notting Hill. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## A lovely family house located on the popular Moore Park Estate Holmead Road SW6 £1,595,000

Arranged over four floors, this beautiful house is located on the Chelsea/Fulham borders. The ground floor comprises a bright double reception room, dining area and a fully fitted kitchen with doors opening out to a garden. The bedroom accommodation includes an en suite master bedroom suite with dressing room, three further double bedrooms (one en suite), family bathroom, utility room and WC. Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## A lateral apartment finished to an exacting standard Wetherby Mansions SW5 £1,375,000

A superb first floor, lateral apartment situated on a sought after garden square located for South Kensington and Earls Court. This beautifully refurbished apartment provides an entrance hall, a bay windowed reception room with wooden floors, a kitchen leading to a balcony, and en suite master bedroom also with access to the balcony, a further double bedroom, dressing room and bathroom. Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Fulham Road SW10

£375,000

A delightful apartment located in Chelsea, close to a selection of local amenities. The property has been finished in a modern, contemporary style and benefits from a reception room with open plan kitchen and wooden floors, a double bedroom and a bathroom. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Elverton Street SW1

£575,000

A beautifully presented, Westminster apartment located moments from Victoria Station. Subject to a recent, complete refurbishment, the property includes a reception room with space for dining, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and advantage of designated secure parking. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Moore Park Road SW6

£599,950

Arranged over three floors, this split level property provides a superb reception room, kitchen, master bedroom suite with en suite bathroom and balcony, additional double bedroom and a newly fitted shower room. Moore Park Road is ideally located for the Kings Road. Leasehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Airlie Gardens W8

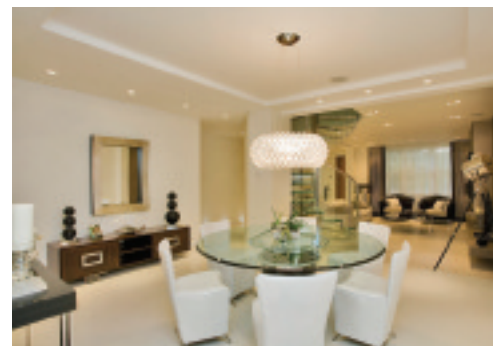
£665,000

A beautifully presented, third floor, apartment situated close to the shops, bars and restaurants of Kensington High Street and Notting Hill. The accommodation includes a reception room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. An ideal investment. Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## A simply stunning mews house

### Craven Hill Mews W2 £3,000 per week

A comprehensively refurbished and reconfigured mews house providing fantastic lateral space. The property has been created from an entire mews house that joins the raised ground floor and lower floor of a lovely Queens Gardens house. The reception space consists of three interconnecting rooms including a superb kitchen/dining room, further accommodation includes four bedroom suites. **Furnished.**

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A beautiful Kensington property with a private roof terrace

**Barkston Gardens SW5 £1,150 per week**

A period property presented in immaculate condition located close the amenities of Kensington High Street and the open spaces of Kensington Gardens. The accommodation includes two large double bedrooms, both with good storage and two modern bathrooms, a separate modern kitchen, a split level reception room with high ceilings, roof terrace, and balcony with views over the communal gardens. **Furnished.**

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## Regency Street SW1

£450 per week

A beautifully refurbished apartment offering contemporary living space a short walk from Pimlico tube station. The property has been decorated to an exacting standard and includes two well proportioned bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en suite), reception room and a modern kitchen. **Furnished.**

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## Addison Road W14

£475 per week

A bright and spacious apartment well located for Holland Park, Kensington and the Westfield London shopping centre. The property boasts a double bedroom, modern bathroom, a large reception room, beautiful modern kitchen and a further dining room. **Furnished.**

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## Belgrave Road SW1

£520 per week

A fantastic first floor apartment situated within a period conversion in the heart of Pimlico. The property has been recently refurbished and includes two well proportioned bedrooms, two bathrooms, a wonderful reception room with great entertaining space and a modern kitchen. **Furnished.**

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## Campden Grove W8

£595 per week

Arranged over two floors, this second floor period property includes two good size double bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a reception room with open plan kitchen and wooden floors. This period property is ideally located for the amenities of Kensington High Street. **Furnished.**

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## Cresswell Gardens SW5

£650 per week

A beautifully refurbished, two bedroom apartment located in South Kensington. This superb property has been refurbished to a high standard and includes a master bedroom with en suite bathroom, second bedroom, bathroom, a reception room with space for dining and an eat-in kitchen. **Furnished.**

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## Dymock Street SW6

£725 per week

An immaculately presented family house located within easy reach of Fulham Broadway. The property features four double bedrooms, three bathrooms, a double reception room, cloakroom, utility room and a full extended kitchen/breakfast room with access to the patio garden. **Furnished.**

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## Lowndes Square SW1

£850 per week

A bright and spacious first floor apartment (with lift) in a well maintained portered block overlooking a prestigious garden square. The accommodation includes two double bedrooms, bathroom, a separate kitchen and a spacious reception room overlooking the square. **Furnished.**

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## Tamworth Street SW6

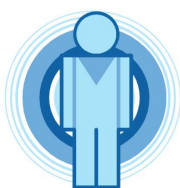
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A beautifully presented family house situated on a charming tree lined street close to a selection of local amenities. The accommodation includes an enormous en suite bedroom, four further bedrooms, family bathroom, dining room, kitchen and a reception room leading to a lovely garden. **Furnished.**

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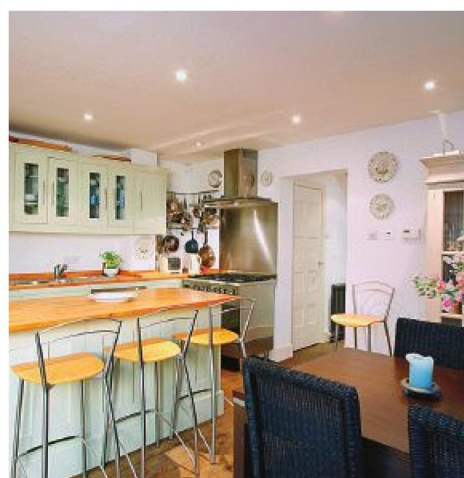
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£575 per week Furnished/Unfurnished  
Churton Street SW1

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